

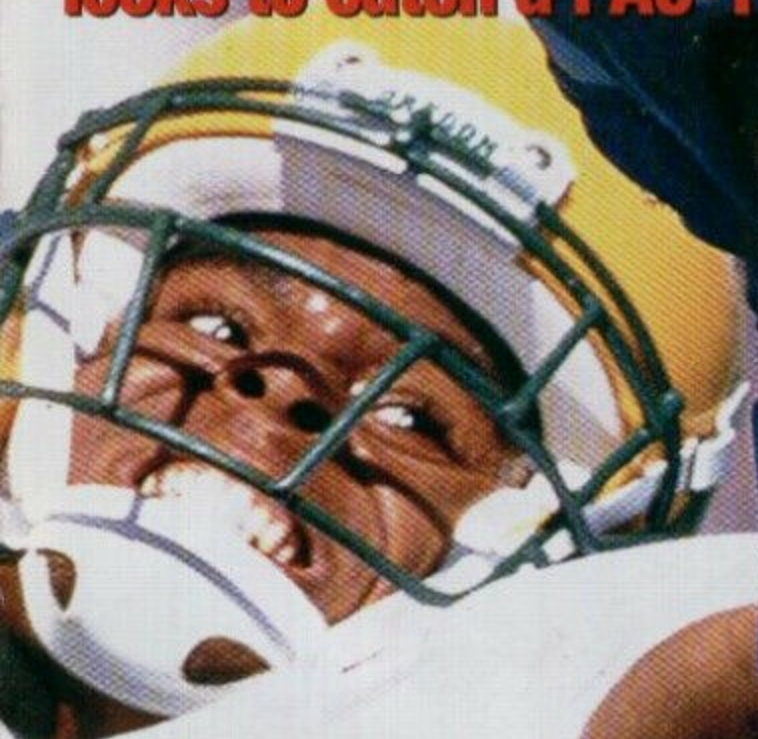
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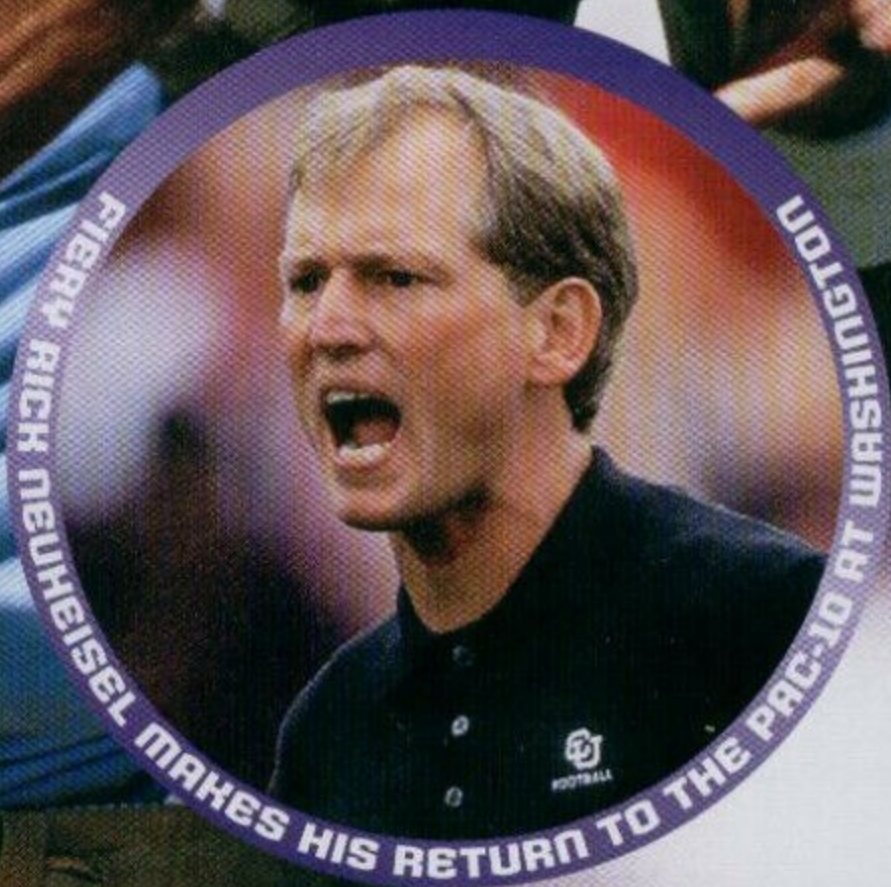
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## FROM THE EDITOR

### What does college football have going for it? Plenty.

OK, I'll admit it. I'm not crazy about the addition of a 23rd bowl game—in Mobile, Alabama, of all places—to the postseason calendar. A Gulf Coast showdown matching teams from the WAC and Conference USA is not my idea of vintage college football.

Neither is the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, where Idaho won a squeaker over Southern Miss last December, 42-35, on what appeared to be a blue field of artificial turf. And I can't say that the excitement stirred by what used to be called the Poulan/Weed Eater Independence Bowl in Shreveport has ever been contagious. The possibility of bowls in Houston, San Francisco and San Jose for the 2000 season will not make things any better.

Certainly, there are some problems with college football. It's the one major American sport that doesn't decide its champion by use of a playoff system, and for that it has taken much abuse over the years, becoming the whipping boy of the sports talk moguls every holiday season. There's no question the powers that be deserve much of that criticism. After all, how hard would it be to incorporate a four-team playoff into the current bowl structure, allowing the three highest-paying bowls to alternate two semifinals and one championship game each season, playing the final a week after New Year's Day?

But I come to praise college football on this day, not bury it, because—despite what the talking heads say—this is a game I've come to appreciate more as the years go by. Let me count the ways.

In this age of watered-down playoffs, where if a team is breathing at the end of the season it is allowed to proceed to the postseason, college football has something that the others don't: games that mean something in the regular season.

The older you get as sports fan, you come to appreciate that more and more. When Tennessee visits Florida three weeks into the season September 18, the game will have national-title implications. Whoever loses will be out of the race and whoever wins will still have to prove itself game after game. You can't have a bad week in college football, because if you do, you're most likely out of the chase. The regular season is like one big single-elimination tournament (there's that word). On no field of play are the stakes higher during the regular season than they are in a big-time college football game, and it doesn't matter if it's late August or early December.

Throw in the pageantry, atmosphere and anticipation in places like Tuscaloosa, Knoxville, South Bend and Lincoln, and you've really got a great sport on your hands. And unlike its college basketball counterparts, NCAA football has yet to be impacted in a big way by early departure for the pros.

It's this kind of flavor that perhaps attracted Dennis Erickson back to the college ranks at Oregon State. Check out our story on him and five other familiar coaches taking on new challenges (Lou Holtz, Tommy Bowden, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett and Tommy Tuberville) on page 10. Holtz's return to coaching has everyone abuzz in South Carolina. Turn to page 16 for our question-and-answer session with the former Notre Dame coach.

There are some surprises buried deep within our preseason Top 25 poll on page 18. You won't find any at the top, where Florida State and Tennessee are strong favorites to meet each other again in a national championship game. This time expect the result to be different. Florida State, which is as loaded as it has ever been, will win Bobby Bowden his second mythical national title.

And, like always for the big-time powers in college football, every game the Seminoles play along the way will count.



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 RB Ron Dayne SR Wisconsin  
 RB Trung Canidate SR Arizona  
 WR Danny Farmer SR UCLA  
 WR Peter Warrick SR Florida State  
 OL Rob Murphy SR Ohio State  
 OL John Merandi SR Notre Dame  
 OL Ryan Johanningmeier SR Colorado  
 OL Jason Whitaker SR Florida State  
 OL Richard Mercier SR Miami  
 TE Ibn Green SR Louisville  
 KR David Allen JR Kansas State  
 PK Sebastian Janikowski JR Florida St.

### DEFENSE

DL Corey Simon SR Florida State  
 DL Corey Moore SR Virginia Tech  
 DL Ennis Davis JR USC  
 LB LaVar Arrington SR Penn State  
 LB Dan Morgan JR Miami  
 LB Mark Simoneau SR Kansas State  
 LB Kenyatta Wright SR Oklahoma State  
 DB Ralph Brown SR Nebraska  
 DB David Macklin SR Penn State  
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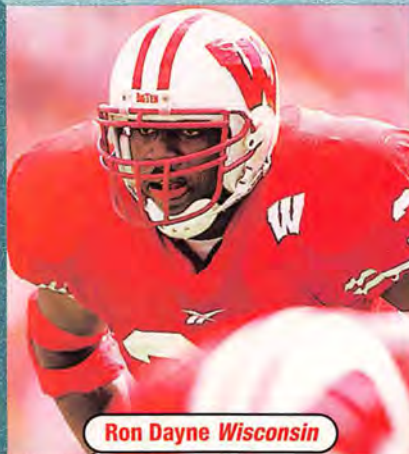
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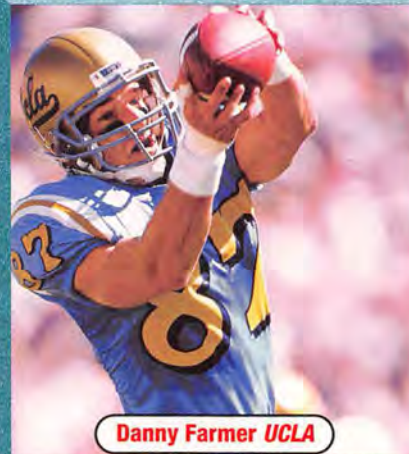
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 RB Ricky Williams JR Texas Tech  
 RB J.R. Redmond SR Arizona State  
 WR Troy Walters SR Stanford  
 WR R. Jay Soward JR USC  
 OL Joaquin Gonzalez SO Miami  
 OL Curtis Lowery SR Texas Tech  
 OL Travis Claridge SR USC  
 OL Steve Hutchinson JR Michigan  
 OL Ross Brannon JR Florida State  
 TE Daniel Franks JR Miami  
 KR Broderick McGrew SR North Texas  
 PK Brad Bohn JR Utah State

### DEFENSE

DL Aaron Humphrey SR Texas  
 DL Darwin Walker SR Tennessee  
 DL Jabari Issa SR Washington  
 DL Courtney Brown SR Penn State  
 LB Rob Morris SR BYU  
 LB Na'il Diggs JR Ohio State  
 LB Brandon Short SR Penn State  
 DB Tyrone Carter SR Minnesota  
 DB Mark Roman SR LSU  
 DB Ahmed Plummer SR Ohio State  
 DB Mike Brown SR Nebraska  
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Ron Dayne Wisconsin



Danny Farmer UCLA



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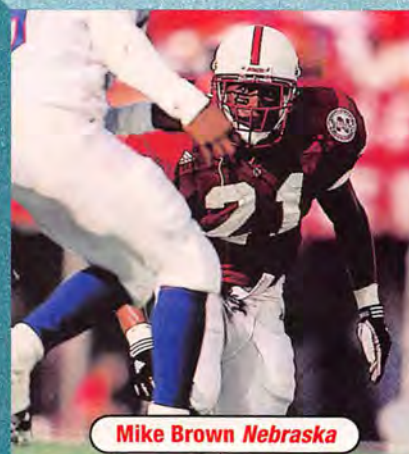
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Mark Bulger West Virginia



Ryan Johanningmeier Colorado



Mike Brown Nebraska

# AMERICAS

## Honorable Mention

### Quarterbacks

Major Applewhite SO Texas  
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 Drew Brees JR Purdue  
 Quincy Carter SO Georgia  
 Kevin Feterik SR BYU  
 Todd Husack SR Stanford  
 Jarius Jackson SR Notre Dame  
 Doug Johnson SR Florida  
 Ryan Kealy JR Arizona State  
 Tim Lester SR Western Michigan  
 Tony Lindsay JR Oklahoma State  
 Tee Martin SR Tennessee  
 Mike McMahon JR Rutgers  
 Romaro Miller JR Mississippi  
 Mike Moschetti SR Colorado  
 David Neill SO Nevada  
 Chad Pennington SR Marshall  
 Antwaan Randle El SO Indiana  
 Tim Rattay SR Louisiana Tech  
 Chris Redman SR Louisville  
 Keith Smith SR Arizona  
 Clint Stoerner SR Arkansas  
 Jay Stoner JR Wyoming  
 Chris Weinke JR Florida State

### Running Backs

Shaun Alexander SR Alabama  
 Mike Anderson SR Utah  
 Kevin Brown JR Washington State  
 Doug Chapman SR Marshall  
 Chrys Chukwuma SR Arkansas  
 Toney Converse JR Tulane  
 Jacki Crooks SR Rutgers  
 Darren Davis SR Iowa State  
 Reuben Droughns SR Oregon  
 DeShaun Foster SO UCLA  
 Dante Hall SR Texas A&M  
 Elmarko Jackson JR Temple  
 Thomas Jones SR Virginia  
 LaMont Jordan JR Maryland  
 Deuce McAllister JR Mississippi  
 DeMarco McCleskey SO Cincinnati  
 Travis Minor JR Florida State  
 Derrick Nix SO Southern Miss  
 Rodnick Phillips SR SMU  
 Travis Prentice SR Miami (Ohio)  
 Ketric Sanford SR Houston  
 Nathan Simmons SR Oklahoma State  
 LaDainian Tomlinson JR TCU  
 Anthony White SR Kentucky  
 Michael Wiley SR Ohio State  
 David Winbush JR Kansas State

### Wide Receivers

Kwame Cavil JR Texas  
 Chris Coleman SR North Carolina State  
 JaJuan Dawson SR Tulane  
 Jammie Deese SR Wake Forest  
 Ron Dugans SR Florida State  
 Matt Farmer SR Air Force  
 Larry Foster SR LSU  
 Sherrrod Gideon SR Southern Miss  
 Latef Grim SR Pittsburgh

Harrison Hill SO Kansas  
 Trevor Insley SR Nevada  
 Arnold Jackson SR Louisville  
 Jerrian James SR Houston  
 Jermale Kelly JR South Carolina  
 Quentin McCord JR Kentucky  
 Dee Miller SR Ohio State  
 Wendell Montgomery SR Wyoming  
 Santana Moss JR Miami  
 Dennis Northcutt SR Arizona  
 Brian Poli-Dixon JR UCLA  
 Damon Savage SR Tulsa  
 Travis Taylor JR Florida  
 Dez White JR Georgia Tech

### Tight Ends

Kendrick Bates SR Arizona State  
 Ken Chandler SR Air Force  
 Casey Crawford SR Virginia  
 Andy Kassotis SR Utah  
 Brian Natkin JR UTEP

### Offensive Linemen

Shedrick Blackmon SR Southern Miss  
 John Blick SR Penn State  
 Chad Clifton SR Tennessee  
 Jake Cochran SR Utah  
 Eric Cole SR Penn State  
 Joaquin Gonzalez SO Miami  
 Neal Gray SR Rice  
 Russ Hochstein JR Nebraska  
 Jeno James SR Auburn  
 Noel LaMontagne SR Virginia  
 Mike McLaughlin SR Stanford  
 Kaulana Noa SR Hawaii  
 James Norman SR Air Force  
 Dominic Raiola JR Nebraska  
 Mike Roberts SR Air Force  
 Bernard Robertson JR Tulane  
 Roger Roesler SR Texas  
 John Romero SR California  
 Rob Riti SR Missouri  
 Chris Samuels SR Alabama  
 Marvel Smith JR Arizona State  
 Mike Varronc SR Ohio  
 James Wagstaff JR North Carolina  
 Chad Ward JR Washington  
 Bruce Wiggins JR Arizona  
 Floyd Womack JR Mississippi State  
 Zac Zedalis JR Florida

### Placekickers

Ricky Bishop JR UTEP  
 Joe Garcia SO Kansas  
 Shayne Graham SR Virginia Tech  
 Chris Kaylakie SO TCU  
 Brian Kopka JR Maryland  
 Sims Lenhardt SR Duke  
 Rian Lindell JR Washington State  
 Owen Pochman SO BYU  
 Jay Taylor SR West Virginia  
 Nate Trout SR Syracuse  
 Nathan Villegas SR Oregon  
 Ryan White SO Memphis

### Kick Returners

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 Deonce Whitaker JR San Jose State

### Defensive Linemen

Sultan Abdul-Malik JR USC  
 John Abraham SR South Carolina  
 Lamont Bryant SR Notre Dame  
 Leonardo Carson SR Auburn  
 Andre Carter JR California  
 Derrick Chambers JR Florida  
 Kendrick Clancy SR Mississippi  
 Felipe Claybrooks JR Georgia Tech  
 Kenyon Coleman JR UCLA  
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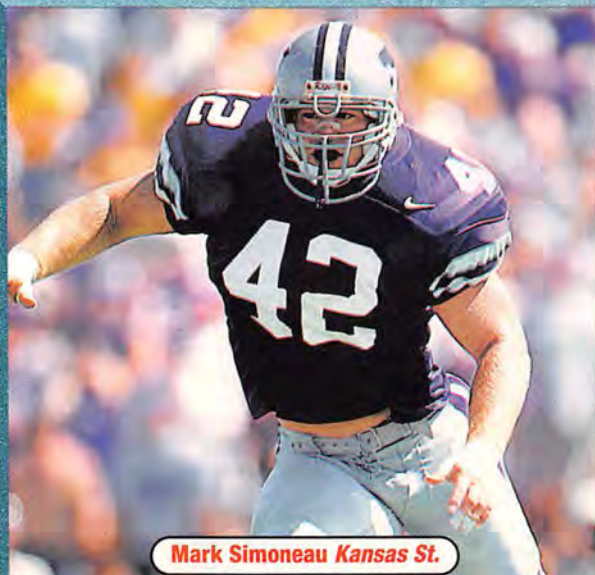
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 Kamal Shakir JR Memphis  
 Jason Simonton SR SMU  
 Tim Skipper JR Fresno State  
 T.J. Slaughter SR Southern Miss  
 Edrick Smith SO North Carolina State  
 Jeff Snedegar SR Kentucky  
 Brandon Spoon JR North Carolina  
 Taylor Suman SO Temple  
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 Craig Thorstenson SR Air Force  
 Bryon Thweatt JR Virginia  
 Lester Towns SR Washington  
 Ty Trahan SR Southern Miss  
 Nate Webster JR Miami  
 Clayton White JR North Carolina State  
 Jamie Winborn SO Vanderbilt  
 Lyle Weaver JR Army

### Defensive Backs

Hakim Akbar SO Washington  
 Rashad Bauman JR Oregon  
 Gary Baxter JR Baylor  
 Robert Bean SR Mississippi State  
 Robert Carswell JR Clemson  
 Pedro Cirino SR Boston College  
 Tay Cody JR Florida State  
 Ashley Cooper SR Mississippi State  
 Deke Cooper SR Notre Dame  
 Rico Curtis SR San Diego State  
 Mario Edwards SR Florida State  
 Jamar Fletcher SO Wisconsin  
 DoMarco Fox SR Clemson  
 David Gibson SR USC  
 Dwayne Goodrich SR Tennessee  
 Brian Gray SR BYU  
 Tommy Hendricks SR Michigan  
 Reggie Hunt SR TCU  
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 Chad ShROUT SR Hawaii  
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**Mark Simoneau Kansas St.**

## Awards Candidates

### Heisman Trophy

#### Walter Camp

#### Maxwell Trophy

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 Ron Dayne SR Wisconsin  
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 Keith Smith SR Arizona  
 R. Jay Soward SR USC  
 Chris Weinke JR Florida State  
 Ricky Williams JR Texas Tech

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 John Blick SR Penn State  
 Ross Brannon JR Florida State  
 Travis Claridge SR USC  
 Felipe Claybrooks JR Georgia Tech  
 Ennis Davis JR USC  
 Joaquin Gonzalez SO Miami  
 Steve Hutchinson JR Michigan  
 Corey Moore SR Virginia Tech  
 Rob Murphy SR Ohio State  
 Chris Samuels SR Alabama  
 Corey Simon SR Florida State  
 Marvel Smith JR Arizona State  
 Mac Tuiaea SR Washington

### Davey O'Brien Award

Drew Brees JR Purdue  
 Marc Bulger SR West Virginia  
 Kevin Feterik SR BYU  
 Joe Hamilton SR Georgia Tech  
 Jarius Jackson SR Notre Dame  
 Tony Lindsay JR Oklahoma State  
 Tee Martin SR Tennessee  
 Tim Rattay SR Louisiana Tech  
 Keith Smith SR Arizona  
 Chris Weinke JR Florida State

### Doak Walker Award

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 Mike Anderson SR Utah  
 Darren Davis SR Iowa State  
 Ron Dayne SR Wisconsin  
 Dante Hall SR Texas A&M  
 Thomas Jones SR Virginia  
 Travis Minor JR Florida State  
 Travis Prentice SR Miami (Ohio)  
 J.R. Redmond SR Arizona State  
 Nathan Simmons SR Oklahoma State  
 Michael Wiley SR Ohio State

### Biletnikoff Award

Kwame Cavil JR Texas  
 Ron Dugans SR Florida State  
 Danny Farmer SR UCLA  
 Sherrod Gideon SR Southern Miss  
 Harrison Hill SO Kansas State  
 Dee Miller SR Ohio State  
 Brian Poli-Dixon JR UCLA  
 Damon Savage SR Tulsa  
 R. Jay Soward JR USC  
 Peter Warrick SR Florida State

### Bednarik Award

LaVar Arrington SR Penn State  
 Aaron Humphrey SR Texas  
 Dan Morgan JR Miami  
 Rob Morris JR BYU  
 Brandon Short SR Penn State  
 Mark Simoneau SR Kansas State  
 Kenyatta Wright SR Oklahoma State

### Butkus Award

LaVar Arrington SR Penn State  
 Na'il Diggs JR Ohio State  
 Chris Hovan SR Boston College  
 Dan Morgan JR Miami  
 Rob Morris JR BYU  
 Sekou Sanyika SR California  
 Brandon Short SR Penn State  
 Mark Simoneau SR Kansas State  
 Kenyatta Wright SR Oklahoma State

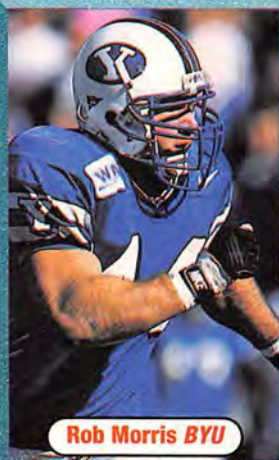
### Thorpe Award

Ralph Brown SR Nebraska  
 Robert Carswell JR Clemson  
 Tyrone Carter SR Minnesota  
 Jarrod Cooper JR Kansas State  
 Mario Edwards SR Florida State  
 Lloyd Harrison SR North Carolina State  
 Tommy Hendricks SR Michigan  
 Ontei Jones JR Oklahoma  
 Ben Kelly JR Colorado  
 Kenoy Kennedy SR Arkansas  
 David Macklin SR Penn State  
 Dalawn Parrish SR Wake Forest  
 Hank Poteat SR Pittsburgh  
 Antuan Simmons SR USC  
 Tim Smith SR Stanford  
 Jason Webster SR Texas A&M

### Lou Groza Award

Ricky Bishop JR UTEP  
 Shayne Graham SR Virginia Tech  
 Sebastian Janikowski\* JR Florida State  
 Chris Kaylakie SO TCU  
 Brian Kopka JR Maryland  
 Sims Lenhardt SR Duke  
 Jay Taylor SR West Virginia  
 Nathan Villegas SR Oregon

\* returning award winner



**Rob Morris BYU**



**R. Jay Soward USC**



**Kenyatta Wright Oklahoma State**



**Steve Hutchinson Michigan**



**Ricky Williams Texas Tech**

# Street & Smith's AND Walter Camp Off-Field Happenings!

**A**mong the highlights of the 32nd Walter Camp Football Foundation weekend in Connecticut (February 25-27) were the inaugural Interactive Fan Fest at Southern Connecticut State University, the annual charity basketball game featuring All-America and NFL players at Yale University and the Stay in School rally for 2,500 eighth-graders at the SNET-Oakland Theater in Wallingford. Throughout the weekend, the All-America players took time out for visits to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, the St. Raphael and Yale-New Haven Hospitals and the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center in New Haven. Capping the weekend was the national awards dinner at Yale University Commons.



Street & Smith's Publisher Sal Schilliro is flanked by Coach of the Year Bill Snyder of Kansas State (right) and Walter Camp President Tom Lally.



Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne offers some tips to future stars at Fan Fest.



Walter Camp Alumnus of the Year Tony Dorsett at the Fan Fest.



Walter Camp/Street & Smith's Coach of the Year Bill Snyder of Kansas State visited the youngsters at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital.



Wisconsin tackle Aaron Gibson makes a new friend at St. Raphael's Hospital.



Fan Fest brought out some young football talent.

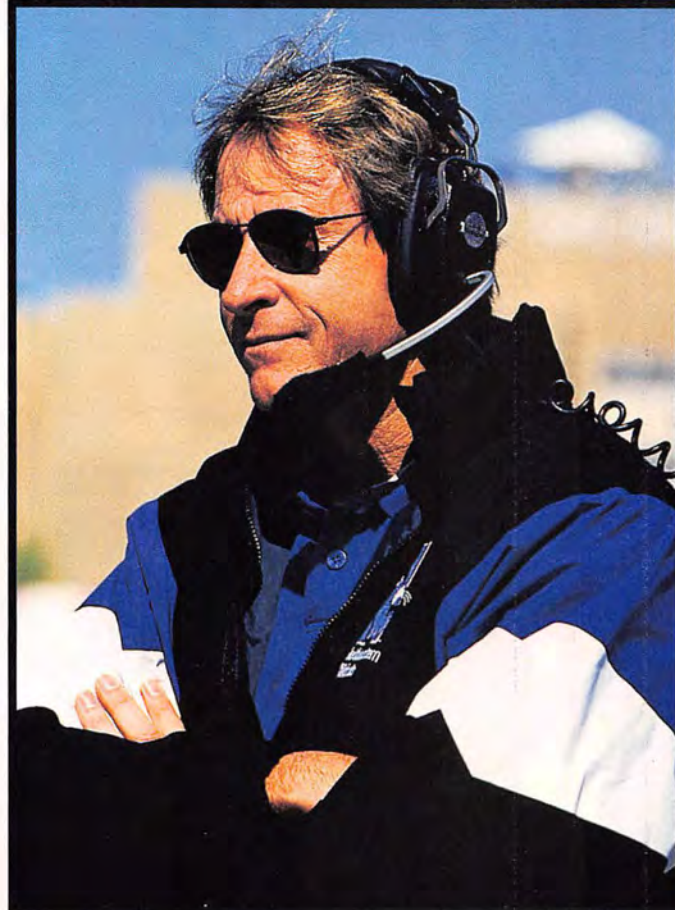
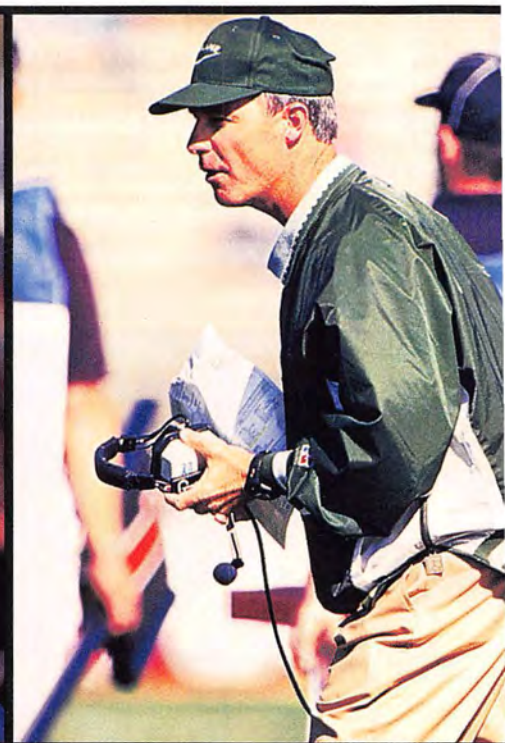


O.J. McDuffie at the alumni basketball game.



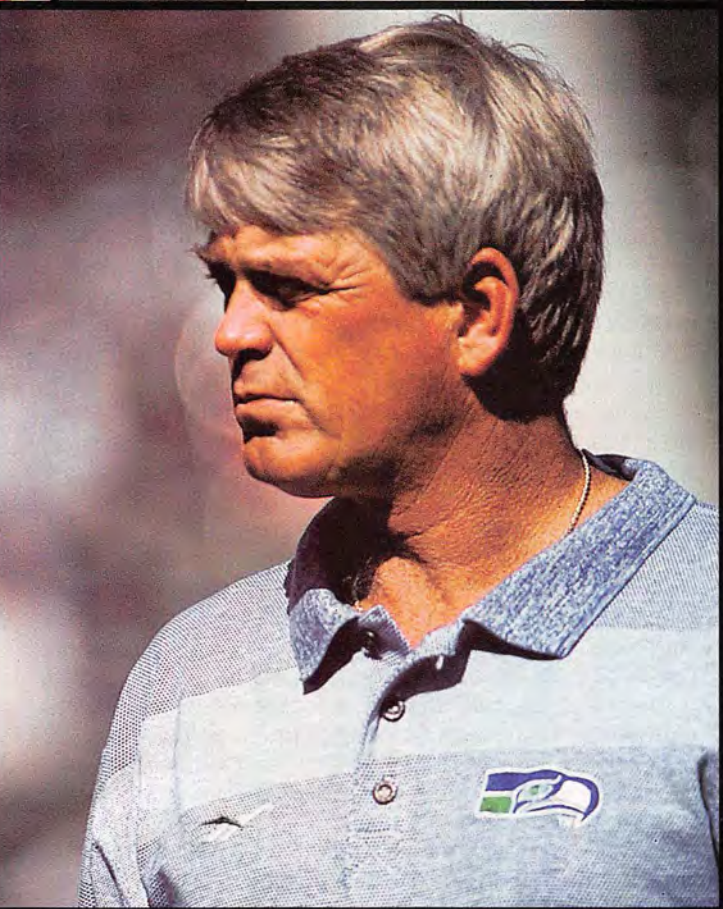
The 1998 award winners (left to right): Man of the Year, Lou Holtz; Coach of the Year, Bill Snyder; Connecticut Player of the Year, Carl Bond; Distinguished American of the Year, Steve Young; Alumnus of the Year, Tony Dorsett; and Player of the Year, Ricky Williams.

# FAMILIAR FACES



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: WILSON, BAKER, TOMASSO, DEBOSSE, STEVEN BEYER, RAY, JASIEWSKI, BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN (2)

# NEW PLACES



Six proven coaches—Erickson, Bowden, Tuberville, Barnett, Neuheisel and Holtz—are taking on new jobs and perhaps their biggest challenges as the '99 college football season approaches.

**L**ast December, with the bowl season in full swing, the most exciting action in college football was taking place off the field, as a coaching merry-go-round like no other NCAA merry-go-round before it was taking place.

High-profile universities were in search of high-profile coaches. Auburn, Colorado, Clemson, South Carolina, Washington, Oregon State.

Some did it with money—Washington snagged Colorado's Rick Neuheisel with the promise of \$1 million per year—while others tugged at the heart. That was the case with Neuheisel's replacement at Colorado, Gary Barnett, who was yearning to return to the place of his most joyful years in coaching. For Lou Holtz, it was simply the chance to get back into the fray, and teach a little blocking and tackling. It wasn't for the money. He received a reported \$650,000 per year to revive the fortunes at South Carolina.

Dennis Erickson, with five turbulent, playoff-free years in the NFL at Seattle, came to appreciate his college coaching experiences at Miami and Washington State more, so he jumped at the chance to take over at Oregon State after losing his job with the Seahawks.

Tommy Tuberville and Tommy Bowden left programs on the rise at Mississippi and Tulane, respectively, for the challenge of restoring greatness. Tuberville will try it at Auburn, while Bowden will do his work at Clemson. Both will deal with the sometimes-unrealistic expectations that Auburn and Clemson alums can place on their coaches.

All six have little to prove, having turned losers into winners at programs big and small. Of course, come September that will mean next to nothing.

Here's a look at the prospects for each heading into the 1999 season:



LOU HOLTZ, SOUTH CAROLINA

## MIRACLE WORKER MAKES HIS FINAL HOUSE CALL

**E**ven a turnaround artist like Lou Holtz has to be realistic about the South Carolina football situation.

In 107 years of college football, the Gamecocks have produced just nine bowl teams and one postseason victory. And most of those years were spent outside the tumult of perhaps college football's toughest conference, the SEC, South Carolina's home since 1992.

At Holtz's five NCAA head-coaching stops—William & Mary, N.C. State, Arkansas, Minnesota and Notre Dame—he's taken each school to a bowl game by his second year. Asked what the chances of keeping that streak alive at South Carolina are, Holtz says, "I think that's over."

That kind of realism is why the 62-year-old Holtz has a five-year contract. With the Gamecocks coming off a 1-10 season in which the only victory was against lowly Ball State, he'll need all the time and practices he can muster to achieve what may end up being his most challenging of reclamation projects.

During the spring, Holtz sought to remake his new team, installing the option, not hesitating to make position changes and taking time to reinforce fundamentals he felt were missing.

The results so far?

"I tell them we're not where we need to be or where we want to be, but thank God we're not what we used to be," Holtz says. "But we'll have to run the option because we seem to have a special knack for not blocking people."

Holtz spent the last two years as a college football analyst for CBS after completing his 11-year stint at Notre Dame, where he was arguably the best known coach in college football. He also won a national championship there and more than three-quarters of his games.

Not since the rise of Hootie and the Blowfish has Columbia been host to such celebrity. Four thousand people turned out for his impromptu introductory press conference last December. Membership in USC's athletic booster organization, the Gamecock Club, has increased by more than 1,000 since then, good for an extra \$100,000 in the athletic department coffers. When Holtz agreed to open some of his spring practices to the public, some say it had the feel of a Hootie concert—standing-room only. A record 19,200 fans turned out for the Gamecocks' spring game. Holtz spurred interest by spotting the second team 31 points and declaring that each member of the losers would give a pint of blood to the Red Cross. The first-teamers survived the blood-letting, 38-31.

Since his arrival, there have been interview requests from ESPN, CNN/SI, CBS and several national publications, plus good-luck phone calls from talk-show hosts Larry King and Regis Philbin and former Vice President Dan Quayle, all friends of Holtz. Longtime Gamecock observers say it was not your typical spring in Columbia.

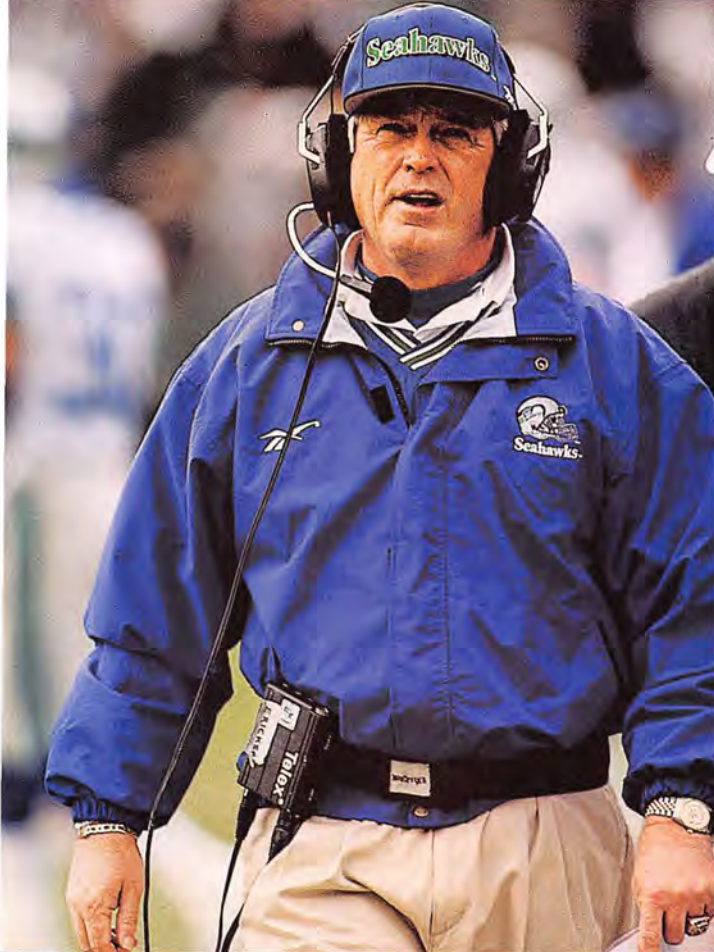
"He has revived enthusiasm here like I haven't seen before," says Kerry Tharp, USC's sports information director for the past 14 years. "People have almost forgotten that we were 1-10. The national attention he brings is something we haven't had."

Whether that translates into victories is another matter. Holtz has never coached in the SEC (Arkansas was a member of the now-defunct Southwest Conference when he was there). It doesn't seem to be a good place to begin the rebuilding job of a lifetime. But with his son, Skip, the Gamecocks' associate head coach who left a promising head job at Connecticut to join his dad, by his side, he's eager to try.

"I am not a young man," says Holtz, whose lone vice appears to be the closet full of Diet Coke he keeps stashed in his office. "I'm not here on an eight-year rebuilding program. Somebody said Rome wasn't built in a day. I'd like to think that's because I wasn't born yet. I tend to be a little demanding and impatient. We don't have a lot of time."

Ironically, Holtz and South Carolina open the season September 4 at one of his old turnaround jobs, N.C. State, a place he hasn't been back to since he left in 1976.

—D. Scott Smith



DENNIS ERICKSON, OREGON STATE

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS IN DEATH VALLEY

**T**he expectations associated with coaching college football at Clemson University are not lost on the Tigers' new leader, Tommy Bowden. The former Tulane boss, who led the Green Wave to an undefeated season and Top 10 ranking last year, knows all too well the story of Ken Hatfield.

Hatfield, who came to replace the revered Danny Ford at Clemson in 1990 after sparkling stints at Air Force and Arkansas, found out that you not only have to win at Death Valley but you have to do it with style. Despite going 8-3 in 1993, his last year, Hatfield resigned under pressure after winning more than 70 percent of his games in four seasons.

"Something tells me that eight wins is not going to be enough (per year), so I'm shooting for nine," Bowden deadpans.

When Ford led the Tigers to their only national championship in 1981, he did so with all the Southern charm that it seems to take at Clemson. In 11 seasons, he amassed a 96-29-4 record (.760), five Atlantic Coast Conference titles and a legend of sorts that continues to grow.

Bowden's homespun, self-deprecating wit, inherited from his father and soon-to-be ACC rival, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, has drawn comparisons to Ford.

Perhaps more importantly, early results have shown that his recruiting touch may be just as nimble. Bowden wasted no time getting to the business of prospect-mining last winter, quickly hiring fired South Carolina coach Brad Scott as one of his first assistants. That move placed the Tigers' paw firmly inside the door of many of the top prospects in the Palmetto State.

Now comes the hard part: Turning around a team that finished 3-8 last season and won only one game in the ACC. And to approach Ford's mark of five league titles, he's going to have to beat his dad and FSU. Ford didn't have to deal with the dreaded Seminoles.

"Patience is not a big word here," Bowden says. —D. Scott Smith

## OPEN ARMS IN CORVALLIS

**D**ennis Erickson needed a job. Simple as that. Erickson, who coached the Miami Hurricanes to national championships in 1989 and 1991, was fired by the Seattle Seahawks after last season, presumably for failing to make the NFL playoffs.

But under his contract provisions, the Seahawks were required to pay him \$1.4 million this year, so he didn't need to work.

"But I sat around for two weeks and knew that wasn't what I wanted," Erickson says. "Coaching is what I am. It's what I do. I thought I might sit out for a year and then get back in the game at the college level. But, fortunately, I didn't have to wait that long."

When Oregon State coach Mike Riley moved on to the San Diego Chargers, Erickson saw an opportunity. He called Beaver athletic director Mitch Barnhart and said he'd like the job. Barnhart took about two seconds before telling Erickson he had it.

Corvallis is not Seattle, but Erickson is no stranger to college football in some rather remote Northwest locales. He coached at Idaho and Washington State (as well as one season at Wyoming) before his six seasons at Miami.

Oregon State hasn't had a winning season since 1971.

"I'm more used to dealing with what you don't have than when I was at Miami and we had so much," he says. "If you can win at Washington State and Wyoming, you can win anywhere."

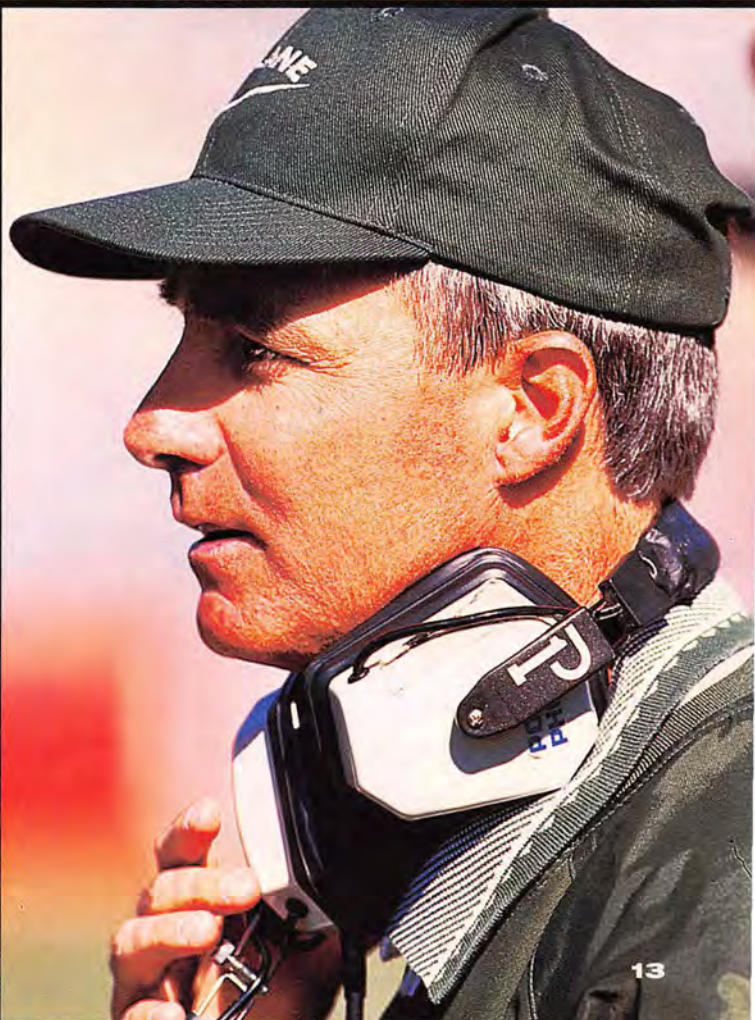
The return to the college atmosphere seems to agree with him.

Assistant coach Tom Lappano, who followed Erickson from the Seahawks to Oregon State, says, "I've never seen Dennis happier. To go from where you weren't wanted to where you are, well, that does a man good."

Erickson himself says, "I loved the NFL, but the last two years I wasn't having any fun, like I used to have all the time in college coaching."

—Dwight Chapin

## TOMMY BOWDEN, CLEMSON



## THE LURE OF A HUSKY SALARY IN SEATTLE

**R**ick Neuheisel swears it wasn't that mound of money—more than \$1 million a season for a reported seven years—which made him forsake Colorado for the Washington Huskies.

"I'm not talking money," Neuheisel said when he replaced the fired Jim Lambright. "I'm not about money. This was not a monetary situation for me. It was a decision based on a platform here at the University of Washington, which I think can be, certainly, the beacon university in the West. And, hopefully, we can be the beacon university for the whole United States."

The 37-year-old Neuheisel got off to a shaky start after making the switch.

Five Washington assistants visited several recruits in their homes January 31—a violation of NCAA rules because that day is considered a "quiet" period in recruiting.

As a result, the recruiting time of Neuheisel and some of his staff has been cut. And Husky athletic director Barbara Hedges, who hired the high-profile young coach, says she had placed a letter of reprimand in his file.

In four seasons at Colorado, Neuheisel, who has Pac-10 experience because he was a UCLA quarterback and coach in the 1980s, had a 33-14 record. He was 10-2 each of his first two seasons, then slumped to 5-6 in 1997 before rebounding to 8-4 last year, when the Buffaloes concluded the season by beating Oregon in the Aloha Bowl.

Neuheisel, who at Colorado was sometimes as much entertainer as coach—playing guitar on his weekly radio show and singing at booster club meetings—knows he will be in the spotlight in Seattle, a city that takes its college football very seriously.

But he says he hopes to leave the shadow of his Husky predecessors quickly and begin establishing his own image.

"It won't be possible or feasible to be (longtime UW coach) Don James or Jim Lambright," he says.

—Dwight Chapin



RICK NEUHEISEL, WASHINGTON

## TOMMY TUBERVILLE, AUBURN



## READY FOR THE AUBURN HEAT

**I**f he weren't a football coach, maybe Tommy Tuberville would have been a good oil-well firefighter.

He doesn't seem to mind the heat.

At Ole Miss, Tommy "Turbulence" won despite crippling NCAA sanctions. Now he attempts a repeat performance at Auburn in the wake of a dreadful, controversy-scarred season.

"It's a little different," Tuberville says. "The problems at Ole Miss, we didn't have control over. Here, there were internal problems. If we can work them out we can be successful."

Tuberville went 25-20 in four years at Ole Miss, with three winning seasons and two bowl appearances.

He didn't coach in the last one. He was at Auburn, being handed a five-year, \$700,000 per season contract (incentives could make it \$1 million) and a political firestorm.

Terry Bowden resigned after a 1-5 start, and players backed interim coach Bill Oliver. Then came the backlash when Auburn pulled out of its season-opener with Bobby Bowden and Florida State.

Tuberville has smoothed the waters by becoming familiar with as many Auburn players, boosters and Alabama high school coaches as he can find. As for the FSU flap (Auburn will now open with Division I-AA Appalachian State), Tuberville is unperturbed.

"If it would have been just another game and all the controversies could have been put aside, I think it would have been a great game," he said. "But it would have been a circus. It would have had lasting effects on the whole season. That's why you have buyout clauses."

Tuberville's Tigers could rebound quickly from 1998's 3-8 debacle. Auburn returns 17 starters and possesses the tools to bring back the glory days.

—Scott Rabalais

## COLORADO RETURN IS HIS ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

**G**ary Barnett came home on January 22, 1999. He wore a gold-and-black sports coat, black slacks and a black-and-gold tie with the Colorado Buffalo logo. Then CU president John Buechner slipped a black CU letter jacket over Barnett's shoulders and it was like Jack Nicklaus putting on the green jacket.

Everyone there knew that this is where Barnett belonged.

And the last few years Barnett was rumored to belong in just about any place. Barnett produced the "Miracle at Northwestern." He dabbled in several jobs. Notre Dame. Texas. Georgia. But then the Wildcats slipped just a bit, and Northwestern seemingly locked up its man with an 11-year contract extension in 1996. Would he be there for life?

Suddenly, perhaps miraculously, Rick Neuheisel left for Washington's husky salary on January 9. And the job Barnett has always wanted—the job he would die for—was open.

Barnett grew up in St. Louis and played at Missouri. But he became a coach in Colorado. His career started at Air Force Academy High School 28 years ago. He would move on to CU, where he was on the staff with former Buffaloes' head man Bill McCartney. He was the offensive coordinator when the Buffs were beating Nebraska, when they won a share of the 1990 national championship.

Barnett is associated with the glory days of Colorado football, which in many eyes ended when McCartney abruptly retired after the 1994 season. Ironically, if Barnett hadn't gone to Northwestern, he might have had this job sooner. But McCartney had a 15-year contract that seemingly was never going to run out.

"This is coming home," Barnett says. "Why would I have gone to Northwestern if Mac hadn't signed a contract for 15 years? I was in the catbird's seat (to be McCartney's successor) at that time. I never thought Mac would leave."

In many ways, folks at Colorado think he's back. Barnett swears he's not a McCartney clone. But the similarities in their styles—and the differences with the Neuheisel era—will be striking. Barnett will bring a return to discipline and a physical style of football. Colorado ranked 11th in the Big 12 last year in rushing and Barnett has said, "We've got to get back to running the football." He's also mentioned several times that if the Buffs are "going to play with the Nebraskas and Texas that we're going to have to get more physical."

That would be another McCartney-esque theme. At his introductory news conference, Barnett got the biggest applause for saying, "...coming home means not losing to Nebraska." The Buffs haven't beaten the Huskers since 1990. But now Barnett is talking "RTD—Return to Dominance."

It won't be easy. The Big 12 is deeper in good teams than the Big Eight was when Barnett was there.

It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter that Barnett was the second choice at CU, getting the offer only after Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak waffled and then bowed out. It doesn't matter that Barnett was responsible for his own Northwestern buyout, which reportedly was \$250,000.

In fact, McCartney has predicted that Barnett, 52, will retire at Colorado. "There was a significant financial sacrifice for me," Barnett says. "But this had nothing to do with money. It's just one of those things that's right in your heart and you have to do it. The decision to come to Colorado was easy. It's home. It's where Mary (wife) and I started. It's where our children were born. It's been a dream."

—Tom Shatel

### GARY BARNETT, COLORADO



# Q & A WITH...LOU HOLTZ

BY D. SCOTT SMITH

**A**fter spending the past two years as a college football analyst for CBS, Lou Holtz is back on the sidelines for his 28th year as an NCAA head coach. The former Notre Dame mentor says he missed teaching and taking on challenges in his time away from the game. He'll have the chance to do plenty of both at South Carolina, a program that's coming off a 1-10 season and has won a single bowl game in 107 years of trying. Holtz, 62, recently sat down with *Street & Smith's* and offered his views on college football today, why he's back, what he missed while he was away and the challenges that lie ahead with the Gamecocks. Here are some excerpts from that conversation:

**Street & Smith's:** Have there been any big surprises since your arrival here?

**Holtz:** There's always surprises. The people here have been great. The administration has been great. You go into a new situation and you don't really know what to expect, but you go in there and say I know where we want to go. Let's find out where we are and go from there. What's important is where you want to go, not where you are. We want to build a program here that's as good as any in the country. Can we do it? Other people say no. They've not given me a lot of reasons why we can't. They've given me a lot of excuses.

**Street & Smith's:** You've turned around five football programs, from William & Mary to Notre Dame. Besides recruiting, what are the major ingredients to turning a Division I program around?

**Holtz:** You turn attitudes around and you get people to make good choices. You have to look at every phase of the program—strength, academics, the medical setup. You have to look at where they live, where they eat, how they're budgeting their time, whether they're students. How can you build a loyalty to the university, to each other, and a sense of responsibility to other people than yourself? If you're going to make a decision on what's best for yourself, those decisions are not necessarily going to be what's best for the university or the team. It's not a decision of whether I want to get up and go to class, it's a decision of whether you want to get up or flunk out. Do I want to play football or do something else with my life? So, you try to get them to look at those obligations.

And then, the fundamentals. You can improve players by expectations, by fundamentals. But the biggest difference is the standards that we have. Player standards are never as high as the coach's standards, and that's where the conflict

lies. If a student's standards are higher than the professor's, they're going to get along well in that class. If they're lower than the professor's, they're going to have some problems. The same thing is true in athletics.

**Street & Smith's:** It sounds like we're simply talking about instilling more discipline, and you have a reputation as a disciplinarian.

**Holtz:** I've been referred to as a disciplinarian, but I don't think I am. I wear a shirt so my heart doesn't fall out. I've never really disciplined anybody. People say, "Well, before the Orange Bowl you suspended three players." That wasn't my decision. All I did was enforce their decision. I would say to my children when they were growing up: "If you choose not to do your chores during the week, you're choosing to spend Saturday night in your room." And so all I did was enforce their decision. I would tell them, "I can't understand why you would want to spend Saturday night in your room when there are so many things going on. That was a bad decision. I hope you won't make that decision again."

Life is about choices. And choices have ramifications. Players have to understand what the ramifications of the choices they make are, and then they can adequately decide. I feel that if you don't enforce the choices they make, then you are losing credibility with the players on your team.

**Street & Smith's:** Is it easier to do that at some schools than others?

**Holtz:** Oh, yeah, it was easy at Notre Dame, because that's the way Notre Dame operates. Notre Dame felt you ought to get two educations: one's an education on how to make a living and the other's an education on how to live. They felt the second one was every bit as important as the first. Your athletes all lived on campus. They did live with other students. They felt a sense of loyalty to the

student body and the student body felt a sense of loyalty to them, which is why the attendance of the students there at games was so good. Students would camp out a couple nights in order to get tickets on the 40 rather than the 37. I'd take them coffee and doughnuts every morning.

**Street & Smith's:** Does this job remind you of any other you've had. Any similarities to Minnesota or maybe Arkansas?

**Holtz:** Every job has some similarities for me, because I've never inherited a winner. Some are more troublesome than others. Arkansas did not have a winning season the year before I got there, but they did have a winning tradition and good facilities. At Minnesota, the program was really down, but they also had tradition and were the only big school in



the state, so you could rally support. At North Carolina State, I just walked into a good situation. It didn't matter who went there, they were going to win. The players wanted to win. They were tired of losing.

South Carolina, it's a little bit different because we don't have a great tradition of winning, but we have tremendous support. This is a very, very fine school. I don't think people are aware of it. We have pretty good facilities. The people want to be successful and do it the proper way. The problem here is that we've only won one bowl game in a 107-year history. When you've only won one bowl game, never been to a major bowl, only won one conference championship—and that was with a 6-5 record—there's not a lot to build on. They talk about the chicken curse here. The chicken curse seems to be most effective when you don't block and tackle.

**Street & Smith's:** Your son, Skip, made the decision to leave the head coaching job at Connecticut to join your staff here, and to be closer to your wife, who is recovering from throat cancer. He and your three grandkids are living

no more than a mile from you. How unique is that in the coaching business?

**Holtz:** It's unusual, but it was not the best decision for Skip professionally. But with my wife's health, he and his wife and their three children wanted to be close by . . . The only friends you have in this world, if things don't go well, are the ones you eat with, sleep with, play with, pray with and cry with. That includes your family and your team. It meant a lot to me that he came because he's a great young coach. He came because of family. It's not the best move for him financially or professionally.

**Street & Smith's:** You've never coached in the SEC before. Arkansas was in the old Southwest Conference during your days there. How much did coaching in what is considered college football's best conference appeal to you?

**Holtz:** It was intriguing. You certainly want to go play with the best. Right now, that probably doesn't sound too good. We play eight bowl teams this year. We

ly to heaven and sit next to the pope? But I'm a teacher. Hopefully, I can influence some young people's lives.

A lot of people complain about getting up in the morning and having problems. They have people counting on them and a tremendous amount of pressure and they'd just like to get away from it. I'm here to tell you that that's what life's about. Life is about getting up and solving problems and accomplishing things and then putting your head on the pillow and feeling you made a difference today and you have a lot to do tomorrow. As long as my health remains solvent, as long as my enthusiasm and energy level remains high, then there is no reason for me not to do something that I enjoy doing and, hopefully, do respectfully well in. Obviously, there's been a need here.

**Street & Smith's:** What did you miss most about coaching in your two years away from it?

**Holtz:** Seeing people gain confidence through hard work and overcome diffi-

it that way. I now know the amount of preparation that goes into a half-hour TV show. I have much more respect for the media now. I used to look at it like they would get up at 11, have lunch, come over here and talked to me and I wrote their story for them with what I said. That's how naïve I was.

**Street & Smith's:** Several college coaches are now making \$1 million annually. When you were at William & Mary back in 1969, did you ever have any idea that coaching college football would turn into the job that it is now?

**Holtz:** I can assure you that I'm not one of the seven. I think society has changed a tremendous amount. My first head coaching job at William & Mary was \$13,000 per year. There wasn't a TV show or anything else. I felt very fortunate to have that. But you coach for the same reasons now that you did then: the joy of the relationship with the players.

The players were a little bit easier then. In those days, you didn't take for



play Tennessee and Florida back-to-back. I asked what (kind of money) we got to play Tennessee and Florida back-to-back, and I told them I didn't think it would cover hospital bills.

But the conference should serve as a great motivating factor for the coaches and players. I'm convinced that somewhere in this country there are 25 athletes who want to play in this conference and want the opportunity to compete against the best. I don't think there's anything better than to play in front of packed stadiums. Of the top 10 teams in NCAA attendance, six of them are in the SEC and one of them is South Carolina. So, you want to go where there's excitement and a challenge. I can't think of anything worse than playing in front of 12,000 people in a 30,000-seat stadium.

**Street & Smith's:** I'm sure you had a lot of people ask you why you're doing this. After all, what does Lou Holtz have left to prove?

**Holtz:** I don't really have anything left to prove. When I left Notre Dame I never thought I'd coach again, because where do you go after Notre Dame except direct-

culties, finding ways to coddle, coerce, threaten, cajole—every way possible to get them to do something they don't want to do. I think most people in this world, if not all, have more talent and ability to accomplish things than they ever thought was possible. What holds so many of us back is the fear of failure and a lack of confidence. That's what I really enjoy doing. I enjoy seeing a group of people come together to become totally unselfish for a common cause.

**Street & Smith's:** Did working in TV make you miss coaching? How fulfilling was it?

**Holtz:** I enjoyed my time at CBS because I really enjoyed the CBS people. In television, you talk until you can think of something to say. But I'll tell you what I did learn. I learned that people in coaching are not the only ones who have to put forth a tremendous amount of effort in order to be successful. And I think maybe I underestimated the commitment the media has to make in order to do a story. Obviously, many journalists read and do lots of homework before going into an interview, but I never really looked at

granted you were going to have a home, a car or even a job. Your success was predicated on what you worked for and planned for. People came to school with a burning desire to get an education. They wanted to please. Today, everybody just takes for granted that a car and a home is their right and privilege, that they're entitled to this. They're far more selfish, basically. . .

Thirty years ago, people worried more about their obligations, their responsibilities, their dreams and their aspirations. Now, if you can get people to dream about doing some outstanding things, it isn't any different. But people are more fragile today. . .

I'm old-fashioned, but I'm pretty proud of the fact that I'm old-fashioned. And I won't change. Why do we have a chance to be successful if I'm old-fashioned? One reason: I believe so strongly in what we do and how we do it that if (the opponent) gets up to beat the system at 8 o'clock, then I'm going to get up at 7. If they get up at 6, we'll get up at 5. Eventually, they're going to reach a point where they're not willing to get up that early.

# National

BY RANDALL MELL  
FORT LAUDERDALE SUN-SENTINEL

**N**ew storylines will emerge this college football season.

We will be surprised by some, shocked by others.

Who would have figured Tulane would go 12-0 and finish No. 7 in both major polls last season?

Or that Nebraska would lose four games?

Or that the NCAA would investigate Notre Dame?

We will miss broadcaster Keith Jackson on ABC-TV telecasts this year. It won't seem the same without his "Whoa Nellie" call. Still, just when we fear the game's changing too much, we hear the Old Oaken Bucket is still up for grabs in the Purdue-Indiana game, that Michigan is favored to retain the Little Brown Jug against Minnesota and that Ole Miss players are still strolling through the grove on campus before games.

This may be the year playoff talk really heats up and the groundwork is laid for a postseason tournament, but even with that radical change we can be assured some things will never change on Saturday game days. At least we hope they never do.

Because no matter how many times we have seen Auburn's War Eagle swoop down on Jordan-Hare Stadium, it never gets old.

No matter how many times we've seen Clemson players rub Frank Howard's Rock heading into Death Valley, we never tire of it.

## TOP 25

1. Florida State \*
2. Tennessee
3. Ohio State
4. Arizona
5. Tulane \*
6. Michigan \*
7. Penn State \*
8. Georgia Tech
9. Florida
10. Virginia Tech \*
11. Auburn
12. Texas A&M \*
13. Wisconsin
14. Purdue \*
15. Mississippi St. \*
16. Virginia
17. Notre Dame
18. Colorado
19. Arkansas
20. Miami
21. Texas
22. UCLA
23. Air Force \*
24. Southern Cal \*
25. Marshall \*

KSU/MSU

Somehow, we never seem to grow weary of seeing Renegade the Appaloosa rear back on his heels before Chief Osceola rams a flaming spear into mid-field before a Florida State game. We never seem to tire of seeing Ohio State's sousaphone player dot the "I" ... or of watching Navy's Midshipmen rifle their hats in the air during the Army game ... or of seeing Texas fans make their hook 'em 'Horns gesture.

We know fall is at the doorstep when the cow bells begin ringing at Mississippi State games, when LSU fans are singing "Hold that Tiger" and Arkansas fans are screaming "Pig Sooooooie!"

Sure, there will always be the archive of bad news in the offseason.

Washington was reprimanded for recruiting violations this year. Wisconsin was slapped for improper booster activities.

Players were arrested and suspended at the usual rate, and honorable coaches were fired for failing to win enough games, but somehow it never seems to dampen our enthusiasm for autumn Saturdays. More than ever, college football is big business. But, the color and pageantry blinds us. The rituals and traditions, they are remnants of a more innocent time, a more innocent game.

Though college football Saturdays are rich with history, they never get old.

## The Best New Storylines...

The 1999 season will offer new chapters in college football's sweeping saga. Here are some of the most appealing storylines we will be following:

- Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer reached the top of the mountain last year, but can he stay there? He got a big, new contract after leading the Vols to their first national title since 1951. The expectations will change life in Knoxville.

- After some nervous moments, the Bowl Championship Series formula delivered a title game last season, but skeptics and playoff proponents are poised to pounce if it fails to sort out another No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup.

- Wisconsin tailback Ron Dayne will make a run at breaking the NCAA career rushing records Heisman Trophy-winner Ricky Williams set last season. Dayne needs 1,717 yards to surpass Williams' career mark of 6,279. He needs just 499 to pass Ohio State's Archie Griffin as the Big Ten's career rushing leader.

- Nebraska coach Frank Solich endured a 9-4 record in his first season, which was about

one victory from being considered catastrophic in Big Red country. The faithful will grow impatient if the Cornhuskers stumble early again this year.

- Former University of Miami coach Dennis Erickson returns to college football at Oregon State, and former Southern Cal coach John Robinson makes a new start at UNLV. Do they have the energy to build national programs from scratch?

- Who will strike the first blow when coach Lou Holtz leads his South Carolina Gamecocks against coach Tommy Bowden's Clemson Tigers in an in-state rivalry that ought to heat up with these talented new coaches in place?

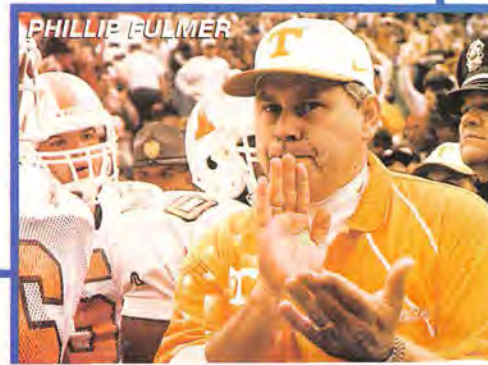
- Were those really signs of the University of Miami stirring back to life in the upset of UCLA at season's end last year, or were those the real 'Canes in the rout at Syracuse? A 1999 schedule featuring Ohio State, Florida State and Penn State will reveal whether the 'Canes are really stepping back up in class.

- Though the NFL Draft took a truck load

of quarterback talent out of the college ranks this year, there are still some remarkably gifted arms returning. Who will win the Davey O'Brien Award as the best quarterback? Purdue's Drew Brees or Tennessee's Tee Martin? Louisiana Tech's Tim Rattay or Louisville's Chris Redman? Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton or Georgia's Quincy Carter?

- Arizona coach Dick Tomey has not so quietly stockpiled enough talent to contend for a national title. Is this his year?

- Ohio State coach John Cooper consistently amasses some of the best talent in the game but keeps coming up short of the ultimate prize. Is this finally his year?



# Preview

## The Games Most Colorful Characters

There are too many good college football mascots to name, but here are some of our favorites:



TOMMY TROJAN

1. Colorado's *Ralphie the Buffalo.*
2. Southern California's *Tommy Trojan and his horse, Traveler.*
3. Louisiana State's *Mike the Tiger.*
4. Texas' *Bevo the Steer.*
5. Georgia's *Uga the Bulldog.*
6. Baylor's *Judge and Robbie the Black Bears.*
7. TCU's *Super Frog.*
8. Tennessee's *Smokey the Blue Tick Coonhound.*
9. Florida State's *Chief Osceola and his horse, Renegade.*
10. University of Miami's *Sebastian the Ibis.*



RON DAYNE

## The Heisman Outlook

Here are your frontrunners to win the Heisman Trophy:

1. Ron Dayne	RB	Wisconsin
2. Drew Brees	QB	Purdue
3. Chris Redman	QB	Louisville
4. Peter Warrick	WR	Florida State
5. Tim Rattay	QB	Louisiana Tech



DREW BREES



PETER WARRICK

## On The Hot Seat...

- Junior Hodges Mitchell and freshman Victor Ike look as if they will split time trying to fill the void at tailback with the departure of Heisman Trophy-winner Ricky Williams.
- Sophomore Dusty Bonner looks like the successor to record-breaking QB Tim Couch at Kentucky.
- Chris Scelfo, 35, tries to follow Tommy Bowden's magical act at as the new head coach at Tulane by guiding the Green Wave to another 12-0 season.
- Louisiana State coach Gerry DiNardo entered 1998 with hopes of an SEC title but wound up 4-7. He went from toasted to roasted in Tiger country.

• The Bowl Championship Series will come under fire if it can't match up a clear-cut No. 1 vs. 2 national title game again.

## Three Teams On The Rise

1. Arizona
2. Mississippi St.
3. Purdue

## Three Teams On The Decline

1. Syracuse
2. Kansas State
3. North Carolina



JEFF BACKUS

## Best Offensive Lines

**1. Michigan:** The Wolverines will be lining up in skyscraper formations with a towering front. Junior guard Steve Hutchinson (6-5, 296) and junior tackle Jeff Backus (6-6, 288) are among four returning starters. The unit will make those old Michigan linemen proud.

**2. Alabama:** All five starters are back, and they'll be looking to bust some face masks in the SEC this season. Senior tackle Chris Samuels (6-6, 291) and junior center Paul Hogan (6-4, 275) are the upperclassmen leading the brigade.

**3. Purdue:** Drew Brees slept well this summer with the knowledge that four of his starters are back to protect him. Senior center Jim Niedrach (6-3, 282) and junior guard Chukky Okobi (6-2, 315) were forces in a front that gave up just 16 sacks in more than 600 offensive plays a year ago.

**4. Georgia Tech:** Quarterback Joe Hamilton will make his run for a Heisman behind a veteran line that returns four starters. Senior tackle John Carman (6-8, 335) and

junior tackle Chris Brown (6-6, 315) lead a front that paved the way to a school-record 50 touchdowns and 35.5 points per game last season.

**5. Air Force:** Junior center Matt Dayoc (6-2, 250) might be the best center Air Force ever produced. Junior guard David Hildebrand (6-3, 290) is going for the school's pancake record. Senior tackles James Norman (6-3, 255) and Mike Roberts (6-3, 275) are among the four returning starters, all Texans, and they had a big hand in the academy scoring 42 or more points in four games, a school record.



JOHN ENGELBERGER

## Best Defensive Lines

**1. Florida State:** Senior DT Jerry Johnson and junior NG Corey Simon give the Seminoles the best push up front in college football. Junior DE Jamal Reynolds looks like the school's next great pass rusher, and senior DE Roland Seymour is a force. Plus, the 'Noles' second unit could start at most any other school in the nation.

**2. Virginia Tech:** Quarterbacks in the Big East sleep with their heads under their blankets knowing senior DEs Corey Moore and John Engelberger are out there somewhere. The dynamic duo combined for 21 sacks last season. This unit is eight men deep.

**3. Ohio State:** The Buckeyes were strong up front last year, and all four starters are back. Junior DEs Brent Johnson and Rodney Bailey, junior DT Joe Brown and sophomore DT Ryan Pickett were a major reason the Buckeyes ranked No. 1 nationally in rushing defense (67.4 yards per game) last season.

**4. Georgia:** The Bulldogs are so deep on the front seven, both senior Dustin Luckie and junior Adrian Hollingshed moved from outside linebacker to defensive end this year. Junior DT Richard Seymour is a destructive force and junior DT Marcus Stroud his capable sidekick.



GEORGIA DEFENSE

**5. Texas:** The Longhorns weren't supposed to be very good up front last year, but by season's end they were arguably among the nation's best. Senior DE Aaron Humphrey (10 sacks in '98) and senior DT Cedric Woodward (six sacks) are among four returning starters who didn't allow Texas A&M and Mississippi State to rush for 100 yards total in the final two games.

## Best Offensive Backfield

**1. Tennessee:** The Vols return senior quarterback Tee Martin, who threw just one interception in his last 91 attempts last season and led the Vols to the national championship. Also back is junior Jamal Lewis, who was a Heisman Trophy candidate before a knee injury ended his 1998 season in the fourth game. Juniors Travis Henry and Travis Stephens combined for more than 1,400 yards subbing for Lewis.

**2. Arizona:** Senior running back Trung Canidate returns after rushing for 1,220 yards and a nation's-best 7.3 yards per carry. Senior quarterback Keith Smith set school records for pass efficiency (174.17) and completion percentage (68.5). Junior Ortege Jenkins gives the Wildcats the best 1-2 punch at QB in the land.

**3. Florida State:** Junior Travis Minor will undress a few dozen defenders again this year. He's a game-breaker and the most versatile back in the land. Junior quarterback Chris Weinke, rebounding from a neck injury, will be more comfortable in coach Bobby Bowden's high-flying attack and junior backup Marcus Outzen proved more than capable in beating Florida last season.

**4. Alabama:** Senior tailback Shaun Alexander needs 1,200 yards to become the school's career rushing leader, but the youthful quarterbacks who will join him make this a potentially explosive unit. Sophomore Andrew Zow proved dangerous after winning the job in midseason.

**5. Arizona State:** Senior tailback J.R. Redmond had a school-record 350 all-purpose yards against Southern Cal. Pro scouts are fawning already. Junior quarterback Ryan Kealy threw for more than 2,000 yards and 19 touchdowns despite an injury-riddled '98 campaign.

J.R. REDMOND



# Best Defensive Backfield

**1. Kansas State:** Senior Lamar Chapman and junior Jarrod Cooper seem to be on every play as ball-hawking safeties. They were both all-Big 12 last year and join junior CB Dyshod Carter and sophomore CB Jeremetrius Butler as returning starters on a solid, hard-hitting unit.

**2. Tennessee:** Three starters return, and they all snarl and swarm like linebackers. Senior strong safety Fred White actually played some linebacker last year. Junior free safety Deon Grant led the team with five interceptions. Senior cornerback Dwayne Goodrich returned an interception 54 yards for a touchdown in the national-title victory against Florida State.

**3. West Virginia:** Deep, skilled and experienced. Six players with starting experience return. Senior cornerback Nate Terry is back from injury after winning all-Big East honors in '97. Gary Thompkins (strong safety), Scooter Davis (short corner), Jerry Porter (free safety) and Perlo Bastein (wide corner) are all seniors.

**4. Wisconsin:** The Badger secondary used to make Wisconsin fans hide under the blankets when long balls were thrown, but those were the old days. The Badgers picked off 18 passes a year ago, ranked No. 1 in the land in turnover margin and No. 7 in pass-efficiency defense. Sophomore cornerbacks Jamar Fletcher and Mike Echols are young but outstanding cover men. Fletcher returned three interceptions for TDs last year.

**5. Florida State:** Senior cornerback Mario Edwards picked off four passes in one game last year against Wake Forest, and junior corner Tay Cody is a gifted cover man, too. Junior Derrick Gibson and sophomore Chris Hope are the safeties in a unit that will benefit playing behind a hard-rushing defensive line, but this secondary goes eight deep with talent.



JARROD COOPER



DWAYNE GOODRICH

# BEST LINEBACKERS

**1. California:** Senior OLB Sekou Sanyika and senior ILB Matt Beck are in the opponents' backfield so often, Cal fans wouldn't be surprised to see them sack the QB while he's still in the huddle. The duo has combined for 91 tackles behind the line of scrimmage in their careers. Sanyika's 23 tackles for losses last season led the Pac-10. They may be the best tandem in the nation.

**2. Penn State:** Junior outside linebacker LaVar Arrington's name will fit nicely alongside the Penn State great there. He was the Big Ten defensive player of the year last year. Senior middle linebacker Brandon Short was all-Big Ten last season and senior Mac Morrison is fierce.

**3. Tennessee:** Middle linebacker Al Wilson must be replaced, but senior Raynoch Thompson and junior Eric Westmoreland are playmakers of the first order on the outside and there's a wealth of skilled players lining up to step in.



LAVAR ARRINGTON

**4. Georgia:** Senior OLB Orantes Grant makes rushers whimper at the sight of him. Sophomore MLB Boss Bailey, the younger and bigger brother of former Bulldog standout Champ Bailey, boasts great promise as does sophomore OLB Will Weatherspoon. Seven lettermen return to a deep unit.

**5. Brigham Young:** Senior MLB Rob "Freight Train" Morris is the league's best defender. Junior OLB Jeff Holtry is a talented transfer from Michigan, and sophomore OLB Justin Ena is dangerous combination of big and quick. They were good at this position last season, but they may be better this year.

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ANTHONY LUCAS



# Best Receivers

**1. Florida State:** Senior flanker Peter Warrick will play on Saturdays with skills that will eventually make him a star on Sundays. Senior split end Ron Dugans is a talented complement, and there's a sideline full of speedsters and playmakers lining up to rotate into the multiple-receiver sets.

**2. Stanford:** Senior Troy Walters is the school's career receiving yards leader, but his 52 catches last season didn't even lead the team. Junior DeRonnie Pitts returns after making 74. Sophomore tight end Dave Davis also returns after hauling in 48.

**3. Michigan State:** Junior Plaxico Burress set the school's single-season record for receptions with 65 last season, and he has a dynamic running mate in senior Gari Scott (58 catches in '98). Sophomore tight end Chris Baker is a future standout.

**4. UCLA:** This deep cast will make life easier for Cade McNown's successor. Senior Danny Farmer and junior Brian Poli-Dixon combined to catch more than 100 passes a year ago. Senior Brad Melsby is back after averaging 20.7 yards per catch and sophomore Freddie Mitchell also returns from injury.

**5. Arkansas:** Seniors Anthony Lucas and Michael Williams return to frighten SEC secondaries. They combined to make 87 catches a year ago. Seniors Emanuel Smith, Rossi Morreale and Hubert Loudermilk give the Razorbacks the deepest receiving corps in the SEC.



QUINCY CARTER

## Super Sophs

1. Quincy Carter, QB Georgia
2. Jamar Fletcher, CB, Wisconsin
3. Justin Smith, DE, Missouri
4. Carson Palmer, QB, Southern Cal
5. Antwaan Randle El, QB, Indiana

## Top Newcomers

1. Virginia Tech redshirt frosh QB Michael Vick
2. Georgia frosh DT Charles Grant
3. Southern Cal redshirt frosh RB Sultan McCullough
4. Oklahoma JC transfer QB Josh Heupel
5. LSU sophomore QB Josh Booty

R. JAY SOWARD



## Special Team Dynamos

1. Kansas State junior **David Allen** keeps opposing special team coaches up late at night. His four punt returns for touchdowns last season, including an NCAA-record three games in a row, helped him lead the nation with a 22.1 return average.

2. Florida State junior placekicker **Sebastian Janikowski** won the Lou Groza Award last year with a nation's-best 27 field goals in 32 attempts.

3. Washington senior **Joe Jarzynka**, a Pac-10 first-teamer as an all-purpose player, is a fearless returner who refuses to fair catch. His 45 punt returns were more than any other Pac-10 team had last season. After the team's placekickers struggled, he volunteered for that job and hit on six of eight field-goal attempts.

4. Michigan senior defensive end **James Hall** has five career kick blocks.

5. Southern Cal senior **R. Jay Soward** has returned two punts and three kick-offs for touchdowns in his career.

# The Continuing Tales...

*College football is rich with traditional sights and sounds. Here are some of our favorites:*

## Dotting the "i"

The most unlikely star on a college football Saturday is Ohio State's lucky sousaphone player. That's the band member who gets to dot the "i" during the playing of "Le Regiment" in the band's formation called "Script Ohio." The ritual is more than 60 years old.

## Howard's Rock

Back in the 1940s, Presbyterian (S.C.) coach Lonnie McMillian, fed up with getting whipped by Clemson in every season opener, called the annual journey there "a trip to death valley." That's how the stadium's nickname was born. A rock from the real Death Valley was put in place in 1966, and later Clemson coach Frank Howard began a tradition of asking only the players willing to give their best effort to touch the rock before games.

## War Eagle

War Eagle is actually a battle cry that Auburn Tiger fans shout during the flight of the mascot, an eagle who swoops around Jordan-Hare Stadium. The mascot emerged from a tale of a former Confederate soldier left to die on a field in the Civil War's Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia. The wounded soldier, a lone survivor and student at Auburn, saw a wounded baby eagle and took it home, where they healed together. The eagle once escaped his master's grip at a football game, and thus a tradition was born.

## The 12th Man

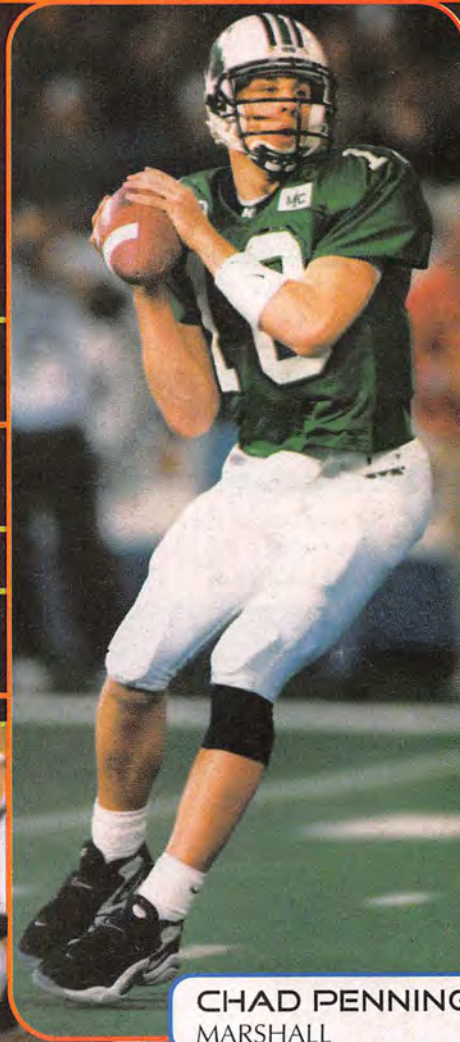
When Texas A&M kicks off at a home game, there's a No. 12 on the kickoff squad trying to make the tackle. He is the 12th man. He isn't a scholarship football player. He's a student chosen from the student body during special tryouts in spring. Actually, there's a group of them, and they all wear No. 12, though only one plays at a time. But, symbolically, every student at the game is poised to take the field if needed. It all started in 1922, when a student from the press box suited up mid-game in readiness after a rash of injuries.

## An Irish Football Weekend

Notre Dame home games remain an historic experience. Friday night pep rallies, which feature famous alumni and special guests, became so popular, the administration moved them into the stadium two years ago. Another popular stop before the game is the Sports Heritage Hall, which contains memorabilia from Notre Dame football history, including Heisman trophies. South Bend's also home to the College Football Hall of Fame, which moved there three years ago. Game-day excitement begins building while the Notre Dame team attends a pregame mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. Across the way, at the Golden Dome, the Band of the Fighting Irish calls a revelry to the fans two hours before the game. The band collects the Irish faithful, then marches them through the campus to "wake up the echoes" on the way to the stadium, where Touchdown Jesus, a giant mural on the Hesburgh Library, looms over the stadium.

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# MAKING AN IMPACT

Conference championship games have added a bowl-like atmosphere to the end of the regular season.

By Laurie Bollig

**D**etermining the champion "on the field" has always been a thorn in the side of Division I-A college football.

For so many years, the absence of a national championship game meant final rankings were left up to poll-voting coaches and sports writers. Enter the ever-evolving Bowl Championship Series, and it's safe to say a team's destiny is tied more closely to what it does on the field on Saturdays.

As Division I conferences expanded over the last decade, the ability to determine a league champion on the field was called into question—similar to what was happening nationally. Comparing apples to apples was impossible if conferences were no longer able to conduct full round-robin schedules.

Thus the advent of the conference championship game.

Four Division I leagues have staged championship games—the Southeastern Conference, the Big 12 Conference, the Mid-American Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

The Southeastern Conference initiated the first league championship game. Alabama defeated Florida, 28-21, in the inaugural SEC championship in 1992.

"I think the biggest by-product of this concept was divisional play. It has extended the interest in our regular season," SEC commissioner Roy Kramer said. "Two years ago, we had as many as six teams still involved late in November."

One of Kevin Weiberg's first duties as the newly hired commissioner of the Big 12 Conference was to attend the league's championship game in St. Louis. What he saw was enough to make any commissioner contemplate the pros and cons of a title game.

Weiberg's alma mater, Kansas State, lost a two-overtime game to Texas A&M, effectively knocking the Wildcats from the national championship picture.

"There was a lot of discussion about whether a football championship game was a good thing or a bad thing," Weiberg said. "The coaches had reservations about playing an extra game. They felt it could hurt a team's chances of advancing to the championship game. There is a competitive downside if a highly ranked team is upset."

The SEC has dodged the bullet thus far, as the SEC championship game has proved to be anything but a stumbling block for Alabama, Florida and Tennessee on their journeys to national championships.

Meanwhile, the conference and each of its members continue to profit from the excitement of a title game. According to Weiberg, each Big 12 school earns approximately \$500,000 from the event.

And the fans just keep pouring in. The first two SEC championship games were in Birmingham with a sellout crowd of 83,091 jamming Legion Field for the first game. Since 1994, the game has been staged at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Crowds have averaged 74,000 since the move.

The Big 12 title game, played twice in St. Louis and once in San Antonio, has averaged about 63,000 fans per contest. MAC attendance figures have exceeded 28,000 each year.


Weiberg summed up the benefits for larger conferences to sponsor the extra game each year.

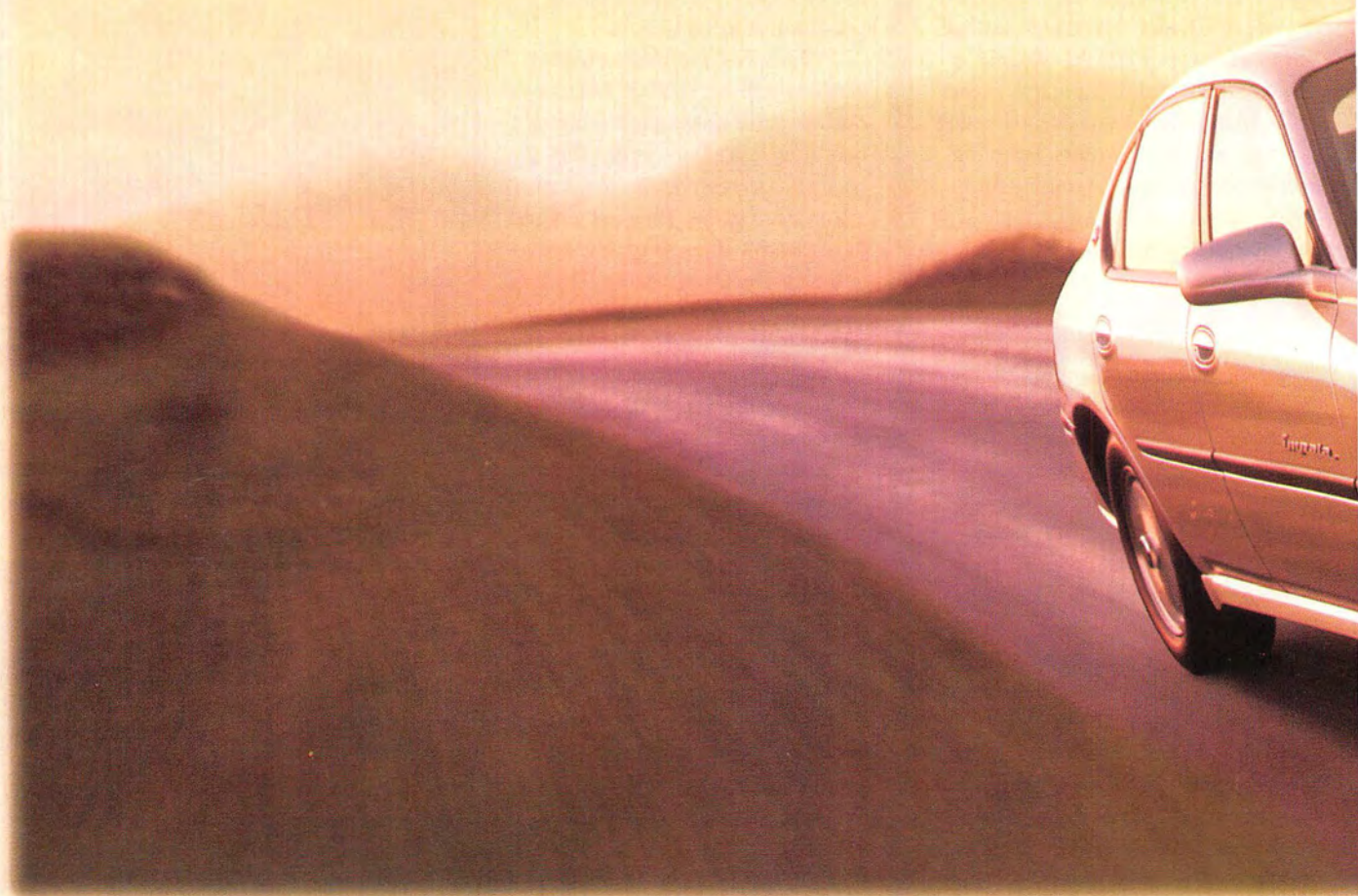
"From my perspective, it's a game we need for a couple of reasons. First, it allows us to determine our champion on the field. To not have the divisional champions play in a championship game would make it a little hard to determine who is the conference's champion," Weiberg said. "In addition, it is an important way to differentiate ourselves from the other conferences. It provides us the unique opportunity to have a nationally televised game that the public pays attention to. It's a good way to showcase our conference."



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# NEWS AND NOTES

## OLD FACES, NEW PLACES:

The coaching carousel saw 30 changes this past year. The most intriguing changes come in South Carolina, Oregon State and UNLV, where Lou Holtz, Dennis Erickson and John Robinson, respectively, take over. Holtz, whose introductory press conference drew nearly 5,000 people, will try to turn around the Gamecocks after a 1-10 campaign. Erickson brings his national championship experience, gained at Miami (Fla.), to a school in search of its first winning season since 1970. Robinson, the architect of several strong Southern California squads in two tours of duty, takes on the task of elevating the Rebel program to a competitive level in the new Mountain West Conference.

## FRAZIER MOVES SOUTH:

New Baylor head coach Kevin Steele is winning over fans with his positive attitude and his decision to hire Tommie Frazier, who comes down south from Nebraska, as his running backs coach. The former Cornhusker triggerman was 33-3 as a starter and won a pair of national championships. He should bring the Bears—2-9 each of the past two seasons—a winning attitude.

## CHASING RICKY:

With Ricky Williams now displaying his wares in the NFL, the focus will be on the standards he set. Wisconsin tailback Ron Dayne needs 1,717 yards and 22 touchdowns to eclipse Williams' records of 6,279 yards and 72 scores. Miami (Ohio) tailback Travis Prentice needs just 17 scores to break Williams' TD mark. Current Longhorns, the likely incumbents, Hodges Mitchell and Victor Ike have a lot farther to go. The pair has combined for 44 carries, 229 yards and three touchdowns.

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Speaking of Travis Prentice, the Miami (Ohio) sports information staff has launched a web site ([www.TDTravis.com](http://www.TDTravis.com)) to track Prentice's pursuit of the record. They took the lead from Marshall, which has its own site ([www.HerdQB.com](http://www.HerdQB.com)) to give Heisman pub to senior quarterback Chad Pennington.

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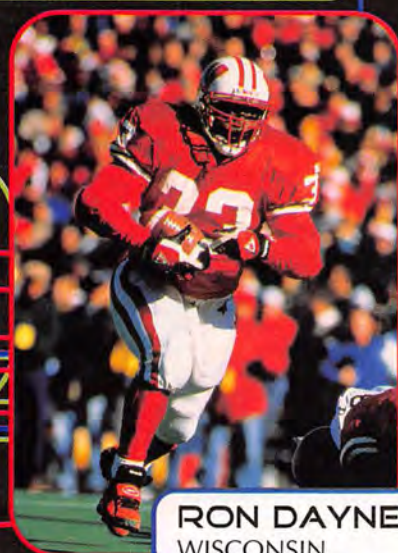
All Antwaan Randle El did during his rookie season was spark a resurgence for Indiana football and garner Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors in the process. The explosive Randle El may create even more headaches for opposing coaches in '99. The 5-10, 185-pound sophomore worked out at wide receiver in the spring, in an effort to get some time for strong-armed redshirt freshman Tommy Jones at quarterback. Head coach Cam Cameron has vowed to put his 11 best players on the field, which could mean a heavy dose of Jones to Randle El and a game-planning nightmare for Hoosier opponents.

## BIG 2:

Nine of the Big Ten's 11 teams return their starting quarterback in '99. Big trouble for the two teams that don't, right? Guess again. Ohio State and Wisconsin, who were a combined 22-2 last year, should find themselves right in the midst of the conference race thanks to a pair of talented running backs—Michael Wiley at Ohio State and Ron Dayne at Wisconsin.

## BOMBS AWAY:

When Florida State senior Dan Kendra gets his injured knee in shape and completes his move from quarterback to fullback, the Seminoles will show a rare versatility in the skill positions. Coach Bobby Bowden could start four players who have thrown a touchdown pass—Kendra, quarterback Chris Weinke, All-American wide receiver Peter Warrick and tailback Travis Minor.



**RON DAYNE**  
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# DIVISION I-AA, II & III

## FIVE GAMES IN SIX DAYS

People talk about unbreakable records all the time. Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Cy Young's win total, Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point game. Well, there is a little lesser known mark that is already 100 years old, and will almost assuredly never be broken. In 1899, little Sewanee—that Episcopal school up in the Tennessee mountains, in its ninth year of college football, embarked on the train for the ultimate mid-season road trip. In six days, the Tigers played five football games—unheard of then and unheard of now—and won all five. Actually, they kicked butt and took names—names like Texas, by a score of 12-0, Texas A&M, 10-0, Tulane, 23-0, LSU, 34-0, and Ole Miss 12-0.

It was David beating Goliath five times over. And those scores aren't misprints either; Sewanee let nary a soul cross its goal line. Maybe it was the restless energy built up during the 2,500-mile, 77-hour round trip, but in 1899, shutouts were nothing new for these two dozen players. The Tigers were already 4-0 after trouncing Georgia, 12-0, Georgia Tech, 32-0, Tennessee, 46-0, and Southwestern at Memphis, 54-0. Only Auburn, a team the Purple would beat two

weeks later, somehow put 10 points on the board. Some final stats for that 1899 season looked like this: 12 wins, zero losses, 322 points for, 10 points against.

Following the Tigers' remarkable trek, it was said (and still is to this day) that "on the seventh day, they rested." The men really didn't have a choice since they faced the final leg of the marathon train trip—another 13-hour ride from Memphis to Cowan.

After finishing 12-0 that year, Tiger teams went on to enjoy 19 consecutive winning seasons from 1900-18. In the '20s, the Tigers joined the Southern Conference and remained a member until 1932, when they joined a group of other schools in forming the Southeastern Conference. In only a few short years, though, Sewanee realized it could no longer compete with teams such as Vanderbilt, Georgia or Alabama. After 42 consecutive SEC losses during the '30s, Vice Chancellor Alexander Guerry advised Sewanee to withdraw from the league, which it did in 1940.

Sewanee, known now as the University of the South, currently plays at the Division III level as a member of the Southern College Athletic Conference.

—Research and story by Larry Dagenhart Jr., University of the South Sports Information Director

## THE MORE THE MERRIER

Division III football just continues to grow. This year, 207 schools will be participating in Division III football, and with that in mind, the NCAA has announced that the field for this year's playoffs will expand from 16 teams to 24. It is the first expansion since the field grew from eight teams to 16 in 1985. Fifteen of the schools will come from conferences with automatic berths. The other nine berths will be chosen by a selection committee.

## WALCH THIS WAY

One of the most exciting players in Division II this year figures to be Carson Walch, a 5-6, 160-pound senior running back/returner for Winona State. Just a sampling of Walch's talents: Last season against Minnesota-Duluth, Walch returned a kickoff 93 yards for a score, returned a punt 64 yards for a TD, threw a 63-yard TD pass and rushed for 121 yards on 14 carries.

## ON A WING AND A PRAIRIE

For the first time in years, Prairie View A&M enters the season without having to answer questions about "the streak." The Panthers defeated Langston (Okla.) last year, breaking an 80-game losing streak, the longest in NCAA football history.



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- Beggy stretched like a pretzel during Mansfield's re-creation of the first-ever night football game.
- Beggy nearly trampled by exultant Stanford fans after the Cardinal defeated Cal in the 100th "Big Game."
- Beggy's portrait painted by Delaware head coach Tubby Raymond.
- Beggy soundly defeated in a head-to-head 40-yard dash by Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams.
- Beggy, dressed as Elvis, climbs to the top of Mt. Spokane with Eastern Washington coach Mike Kramer.
- Beggy warbles a painfully off-key rendition of "Rocky Top" with Tennessee fans.
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# GETTING IN THE GAME

**More and more schools are adding college football to their athletics package, and finding that membership does have its privileges.**

*By Laurie Bollig*

**T**allahassee to the left. Gainesville to the right. Stand up, sit down, fight, fight, fight.

That's the battle cry heard at three universities in Florida—universities that until recently found themselves pushed back to page five of every morning's sports section. South Florida, Central Florida and Florida Atlantic athletics? I don't think so. Not when there's Seminole and Gator football to talk about.

Within the last few years, the "other" Florida schools have made significant headlines in the Sunshine State and nationally, for that matter, by adding football to their athletics program or by elevating their football program to Division I-A.

Case in point—the University of South Florida Bulls. The 1999 season marks only the third campaign of football competition at USF. They currently compete at the Division I-AA level, but plans are to move to Division I-A in 2001 and compete in Conference USA.

South Florida athletics director Paul Griffin said the demand for college football in Tampa was too great to ignore.

"In retrospect, it's easy to say we added the sport because there was a huge, pent-up demand for the sport. Certainly, that has proven to be the case since we've had two seasons of competition under our belt," Griffin said. "We had years and years of interest from students, alumni and friends of the program in the area. We became a member of a conference. We felt football was just a natural and necessary complement to our program."

Jim Leavitt was hired as the Bulls' first head coach. He has since led South Florida to records of 5-6 in 1997 and 8-3 in 1998. Playing in the 65,000-seat Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, South Florida has led Division I-AA in attendance in each of

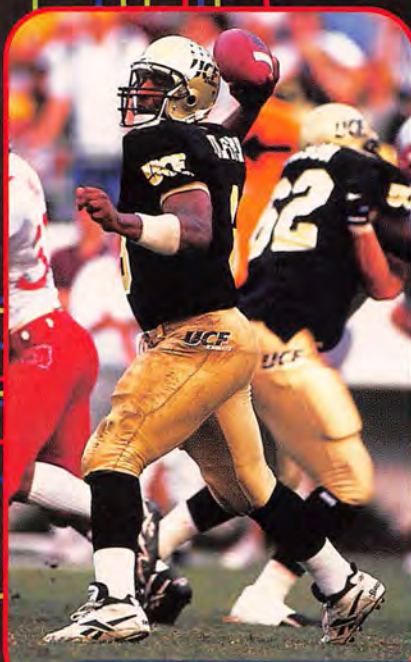
its two years of competition. The Bulls sold 21,000 season tickets for 1997 and averaged 27,143 per game.

And South Florida no longer takes up space on page five of the sports section. "Six of our games last year were televised live, statewide. We had a radio network with eight affiliates in the first year, and we anticipate reaching 20 in three to five years. Those are some really concrete things that suggest a significant amount of support," Griffin said. "Even though we are in a marketplace dominated by professional sports, the media has treated our program equally with Florida, Florida State and Miami."

Central Florida, located in Orlando, began sponsoring football at the Division III level in 1979. The school moved to Division II in 1982 and followed that with the leap to Division I-AA in 1990.

After spending six years as a Division I-AA independent, the Golden Knights completed their football journey by moving to Division I-A in 1996. Athletics director Steve Sloan—a standout at Alabama in the 1960s—said the move to a higher level of competition was necessary.

"Having to compete with Florida, Florida State and Miami, we felt that at Division I-AA, we would slowly fade away," Sloan said. "Financially, we couldn't get any guarantee money and we were not getting much press coverage."



**Former UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper used his magical arm to lead the Knights to a 19-14 record in their first three years at the Division I-A level.**



# GETTING IN THE GAME

The move to Division I-A made it possible for UCF to schedule better competition and receive better financial guarantees. Daunte Culpepper took care of the media coverage.

Culpepper, an Ocala, Florida, native, led UCF to a 19-14 record in its first three years as a Division I-A member. The quarterback spent much of his final season dazzling opponents and making a name for himself and his school. He was the 11th player taken in the National Football League's draft and will begin his professional career as a Minnesota Viking.

"The advantage of his being here was that we were able to be competitive against good teams," Sloan said of Culpepper. "But the long-term benefit was that last year we had the best recruiting class we've ever had."

Florida Atlantic, located in Boca Raton, recently hired former Miami (Fla.) head coach Howard Schnellenberger to guide the Owl football program. As the director of football operations, Schnellenberger will assist with the fund raising efforts. The Florida Atlantic football team is scheduled to play its first game in 2001 at the Division I-AA level. Plans call for the team to be a Division I-A member with a stadium by 2003.

Alabama-Birmingham also found itself geographically challenged—in the football sense anyway. A short trip down Interstate 20 lands you in Tuscaloosa—home of the storied Alabama football program. A little further to the southeast and you're at Auburn—more football, more history.

Blazer athletics director Gene Bartow said his university saw adding football as a way to help make the athletics department self-sufficient.

"We felt here in Birmingham that if we were to have

a chance to create revenue to help develop our men's and women's athletics programs, we definitely had to try to make football work," Bartow said. "Alabama and Auburn are so big into football in this state. We're surrounded by football programs. We sit right in the middle of them with Legion Field that seats 80,000. There were a lot of reasons we felt it was in the best interests of UAB to move forward with a football program."

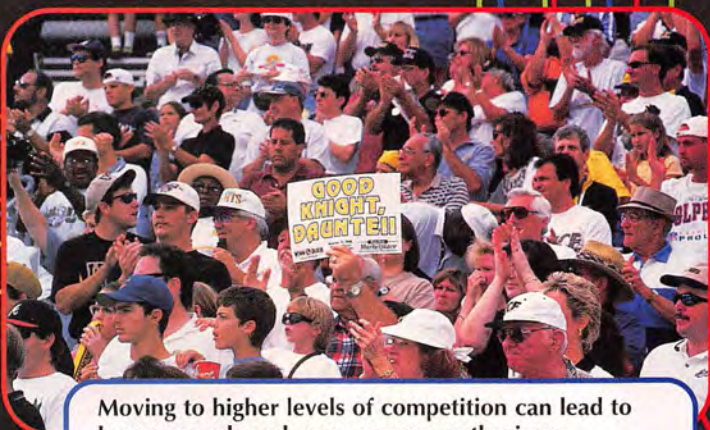
The Blazers began their quest to add football by fielding a team in Division III in 1991 and 1992. For the next three years, UAB competed at the Division I-AA level.

In 1996, second-year coach Watson Brown led the Blazers onto the field for their first year of competition in Division I-A. This year's kickoff will mark UAB's inaugural season as a member of Conference USA.

"The biggest hurdle we had a concern with was our conference," Bartow said. "When we moved to Division I-A in football, we had to be voted in as a member of Conference USA. You're never sure that's going to happen until it happens. I think it (conference membership) will give us a dimension that is a real plus for us."

UAB awaits the turn of its financial fortunes, but the ability to schedule nonconference powers such as Tennessee and Nebraska have Bartow hopeful that adding football will benefit the entire athletics department.

"Football is the only sport that we have that could possibly generate enough revenue that could help take the entire athletic program where we'd like it to go," Bartow said.



Moving to higher levels of competition can lead to larger crowds and more campus enthusiasm.

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# SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

## AT THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Capturing the attention of the entire public, not just of dyed-in-the-wool football fans, was a conscious effort of those designing the College Football Hall of Fame. For example, the Pigskin Pageantry area gives patrons a look at marching bands, cheerleaders, mascots, homecoming, tailgating and other football related exhibits including an interactive audio presentation on famous fight songs.

Approaching the Hall and crossing Gridiron Plaza, visitors are greeted by a pallet of football color complete with yard markers, goal posts, team pennants and artificial turf. The excitement and anticipation matches that of climbing the first hill on a roller coaster. Over the years, the plaza has hosted a variety of special events, from the annual Enshrinement ceremonies and festival, to impromptu games of touch-football and football clinics.

Inside the shrine, the heart and soul of the museum awaits in the Hall's Stadium Theater where still pictures and video are integrated into a dramatic 360-degree presentation of the pageantry and excitement of college football. This powerful video experience is just the beginning of all the College Football Hall of Fame can offer to visitors, regardless of age, gender or knowledge of the game.



The Hall of Champions combines impressive multimedia capabilities with football memorabilia honoring the accomplishments of each inductee and chronicling special events in the history of the game. Within the display area for each decade of college football history, visitors can access a touch-screen video kiosk to call up biographical information on individual Hall of Famers including key statistics, still photography and video clips of their history-making performances.

The Locker Room entertains visitors with a behind-the-scenes look at how coaches from Eddie Robinson to John McKay have trained, motivated and inspired their players through the years, while interactive strategy quizzes and hands-on skill displays are designed to encourage the entire family to be more than spectators. A favorite for many closet sportscasters is "You Call the Play," an interactive display which puts fans "behind the mike" with the opportunity to sit in a simulated press box and describe the football action unfolding before them.

Kids and adults alike can see how their basic physical skills match up with those of a college athlete in the Training Room where would-be players check their height, weight, vertical leap, agility, upper-body strength, balance, flexibility and reaction time. Finally, it's off to the Practice Field where visiting "players" can test their fundamental skills of football—passing, running, blocking and kicking—in a series of interactive and physically challenging drills.





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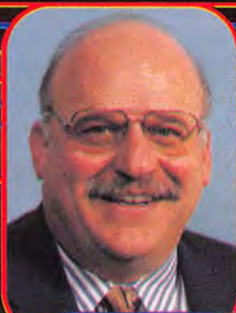
The American Football Coaches Association  
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The improvement of the coaching profession and the sport of football has always been among the top priorities of the American Football Coaches Association since it was founded in 1922.

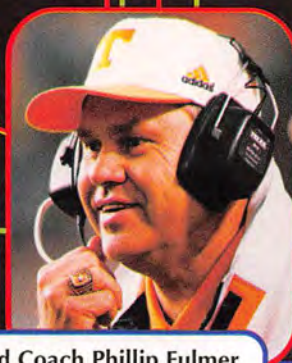
The AFCA is considered the primary professional association for football coaches at all levels of competition. The 8,000-member organization includes more than 90 percent of head coaches at the 680-plus schools that sponsor football at the college level.

The AFCA teams with *USA Today*, ESPN and Sears to select and honor national football champions. The athletics department of the AFCA Coaches' Poll champion each January receives the Sears Coaches' Trophy and a \$20,000 academic scholarship provided by Sears. The remaining NCAA and NAIA national champions also receive trophies from the AFCA and Sears.

The AFCA stands as the single entity solely representing all levels of football and the football coaching profession. The AFCA works closely with the NCAA, NACDA, the NAIA, the NFL, the Canadian Football League, the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, Pop Warner Football and other organizations involved in the game.



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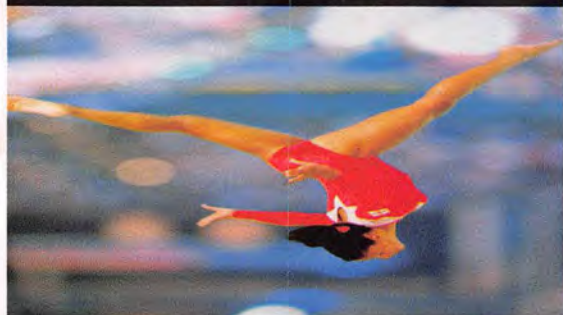
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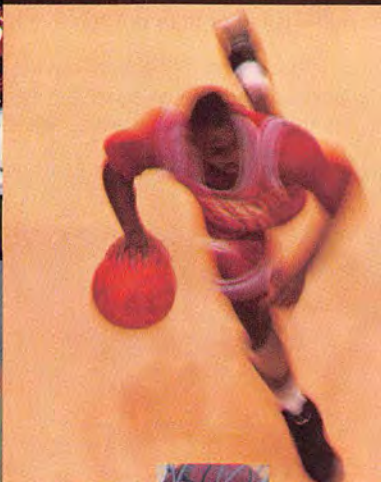


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# ALL-DECADE TEAM

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**A**ll right, let the screaming begin. Yes, we know Kerry Collins, Tim Couch and Ryan Leaf were top-five NFL draft picks. The fact that they aren't on our ballot for the best quarterbacks of the decade is meant as no slight to them, but is an indication of just how hard it was to select the absolute best of the best.

The American Football Coaches Association and NCAA Football combined to select the top college football players at each position and compiled the list that follows over the next three pages. Players were evaluated on their performance as college athletes, not by what they have accomplished on the professional level.

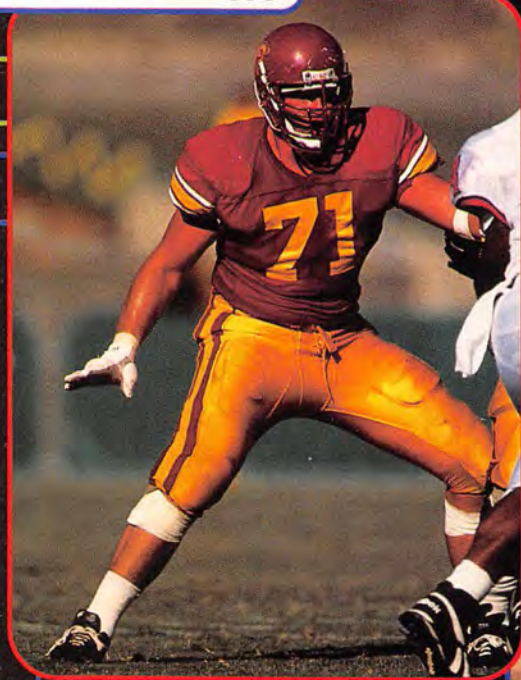
We have had our say, already eliminating countless All-Americans from our list to come up with the finalists for the NCAA Football All-Decade team. Now it's your chance to be heard. You can go on-line at [www.ncaafootball.net](http://www.ncaafootball.net) to cast your vote for the top players of the '90s.

The list that follows is your official ballot, but if you insist that Rashaan Salaam—yes, of course he was given heavy consideration by our staff—is better than our top five running backs, you can cast a write-in vote as well.

One quarterback, one running back, one fullback, two wide receivers, one tight end, five offensive linemen, four defensive linemen, three linebackers, four defensive backs, one punter and one place-kicker will make the cut. Check back on October 1 to see the NCAA Football All-Decade Team.

In the meantime, we invite you to read through the names and relive the memories from a fantastic decade of college football.

**TONY BOSELLI**  
USC



**QUENTIN CORYATT**  
TEXAS A&M



**RANDY MOSS**  
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# ALL-DECADE TEAM

## Quarterbacks (vote for 1)

Drew Bledsoe, Washington St.  
Ty Detmer, BYU  
Tommie Frazier, Nebraska  
Peyton Manning, Tennessee  
Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.)  
Charlie Ward, Florida St.  
Danny Wuerffel, Florida

## Running Backs (vote for 1)

Ki-Jana Carter, Penn St.  
Troy Davis, Iowa St.  
Marshall Faulk, San Diego St.  
Eddie George, Ohio St.  
Ricky Williams, Texas

## Fullbacks (vote for 1)

Mike Alstott, Purdue  
Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame  
William Floyd, Florida St.  
Rob Konrad, Syracuse  
Joel Makovicka, Nebraska



**MARSHALL FAULK**  
SAN DIEGO STATE

## Wide Receivers (vote for 2)

Terry Glenn, Ohio St.  
Torry Holt, North Carolina St.  
Desmond Howard, Michigan  
Raghib Ismail, Notre Dame  
Keyshawn Johnson, USC  
Herman Moore, Virginia  
Randy Moss, Marshall  
Carl Pickens, Tennessee  
J.J. Stokes, UCLA  
Peter Warrick, Florida St.

## Tight Ends (vote for 1)

Kyle Brady, Penn St.  
Ken Dilger, Illinois  
Ricky Dudley, Ohio St.  
Tony McGee, Michigan  
Pete Mitchell, Boston College

## Offensive Linemen (vote for 5)

Flozell Adams, Michigan St.  
Tony Boselli, USC  
Aaron Gibson, Wisconsin  
Lincoln Kennedy, Washington  
Jonathan Ogden, UCLA  
Orlando Pace, Ohio St.  
Willie Roaf, Louisiana Tech  
Juan Roque, Arizona St.  
Clay Shiver, Florida St.  
Matt Stinchcomb, Georgia  
Korey Stringer, Ohio St.  
Aaron Taylor, Nebraska  
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Tra Thomas, Florida St.  
Zach Wiegert, Nebraska

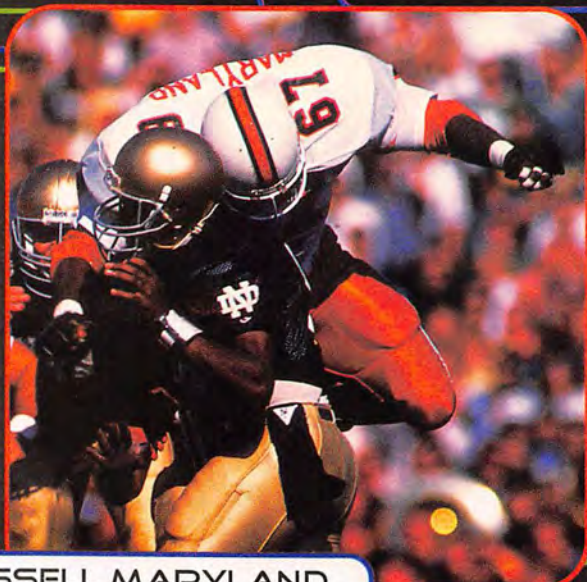
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## Defensive Linemen (vote for 4)

Derrick Alexander, Florida St.  
Peter Boulware, Florida St.  
Teddy Bruschi, Arizona  
John Copeland, Alabama  
Eric Curry, Alabama  
Greg Ellis, North Carolina  
Steve Emtman, Washington  
Russell Maryland, Miami (Fla.)  
Warren Sapp, Miami (Fla.)  
Andre Wadsworth, Florida St.  
Dan Wilkinson, Ohio St.  
Reinard Wilson, Florida St.  
Grant Wistrom, Nebraska  
Bryant Young, Notre Dame  
Chris Zorich, Notre Dame

## Linebackers (vote for 3)

Trev Alberts, Nebraska  
Jesse Armstead, Miami (Fla.)  
Derrick Brooks, Florida St.  
Quentin Coryatt, Texas A&M  
Andy Katzenmoyer, Ohio St.  
Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M  
Simeon Rice, Illinois  
Takeo Spikes, Auburn  
Zach Thomas, Texas Tech  
Al Wilson, Tennessee

## Defensive Backs (vote for 4)

Champ Bailey, Georgia  
Terrell Buckley, Florida St.  
Mark Carrier, USC  
Aaron Glenn, Texas A&M  
Antonio Langham, Alabama  
Chris McAlister, Arizona  
Shawn Springs, Ohio St.  
Ken Swilling, Georgia Tech  
Bryant Westbrook, Texas  
Charles Woodson, Michigan

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## Punters (vote for 1)

Craig Hentrich, Notre Dame  
Chad Kessler, LSU  
Shane Lechler, Texas A&M  
Bill Marinangel, Vanderbilt  
Todd Sauerbrun, West Virginia

## Place-Kickers (vote for 1)

Phil Dawson, Texas  
Jason Elam, Hawaii  
Martin Gramatica, Kansas St.  
Jeff Hall, Tennessee  
Jason Hanson, Washington St.  
Carlos Huerta, Miami (Fla.)  
Sebastian Janikowski, Florida St.



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## The Road to the Sears National Champion Football Trophy Leads to New Orleans

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Awarded to the No. 1 ranked Division I-A college football team in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Coaches Poll since 1993, the Sears Trophy will be presented on-field to the winner of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship Game once again this year.

By virtue of its 23-16 win against Florida State University in the 1999 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the University of Tennessee was crowned the 1998 national champion, and joined the list of three other illustrious schools that have won the coveted Sears Trophy.

Florida State won the inaugural Sears Trophy in 1993, followed by consecutive trophy awards to the University of Nebraska in 1994 and 1995. The University of Florida reclaimed the Sears Trophy for the Sunshine State in 1996, only to have the University of Nebraska win the prestigious award for a third time following the 1997 season.

While the BCS and National Championship Game were new to college football last season, the Sears Trophy has been associated with collegiate football supremacy the past six years. Prior to being presented to the winner of the

match-up between the No. 1 and No. 2 teams, the Sears Trophy was awarded to the No. 1 ranked college football team in the final *USA Today*/ESPN Top 25 Coaches Poll. The poll, which now plays a key role in determining who plays in the national championship game, is based upon votes from a 62-member panel of the AFCA.

The Sears Trophy tours across the country during each college football season and is displayed on the sidelines at premier games. It is then presented for permanent display to the winning team in January.

During the 1998 regular season, the Sears Trophy traveled nearly 15,000 miles and appeared before more than 500,000 fans at eight college football games before making its way to Tempe, Ariz., for the Tennessee-Florida State match-up at the Fiesta Bowl.

Travel plans for the Sears Trophy are similar for the 1999 season, except that all roads will now lead to New Orleans for the BCS title game.

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Sears, Roebuck and Co. and the AFCA also present a \$20,000 academic scholarship to the school that wins the Sears Trophy each year. The scholarship is earmarked for an outstanding freshman student who does not participate in intercollegiate athletics. In total, more than 2,200 trophies and more than a quarter of a million dollars in academic scholarships are awarded to NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA institutions each year.

For more information on the Sears National Champion Football Trophy or the Sears Collegiate Champions program, visit Sears web site at [www.sears.com](http://www.sears.com).



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### DIVISION I-AA, II, AND III CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

	DATE	LOCATION
DIVISION II	Dec. 11	Florence, Ala.
DIVISION III	Dec. 18	Salem, Va.
DIVISION I-AA	Dec. 18	Chattanooga, Tenn.

### 1999 TENTATIVE BOWL SCHEDULE

Date	Bowl	Site	Kickoff	TV
Dec. 18	Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Nev.	6 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 22	Mobile Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 25	Jeep Aloha	Honolulu, Hawaii	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 25	Oahu	Honolulu, Hawaii	8:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 27	Motor City	Pontiac, Mich.	1:30 or 2:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 28	Sylvania Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 29	Music City	Nashville, Tenn.	5 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 29	Culligan Holiday	San Diego, Calif.	8 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 30	Humanitarian	Boise, Idaho	3 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 30	Micron/PC	Miami, Fla.	7 p.m.	TBS
Dec. 30	Chick-fil-A Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 31	AXA/Equitable Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	4 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 31	Wells Fargo Sun	El Paso, Texas	2:15 p.m.	CBS
Dec. 31	Insight.Com	Tucson, Ariz.	4 or 4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 31	Sanford Independence	Shreveport, La.	6:30 or 7 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 1	Southwestern Bell Cotton	Dallas, Texas	11 a.m.	FOX
Jan. 1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	11 a.m.	ESPN
Jan. 1	Toyota Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 1	CompUSA Florida Citrus	Orlando, Fla.	1 p.m.	ABC
Jan. 1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	5 p.m.	ABC
Jan. 1	FedEx Orange	Miami, Fla.	8 p.m.	ABC
Jan. 2	Tostitos Fiesta	Tempe, Ariz.	7:30 p.m.	ABC
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  - c. Lou Holtz
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  - b. Archie and Ray Griffin
  - c. Randy and Alex Gradishar
10. Whose all-time NCAA rushing mark did Ricky Williams break last season?
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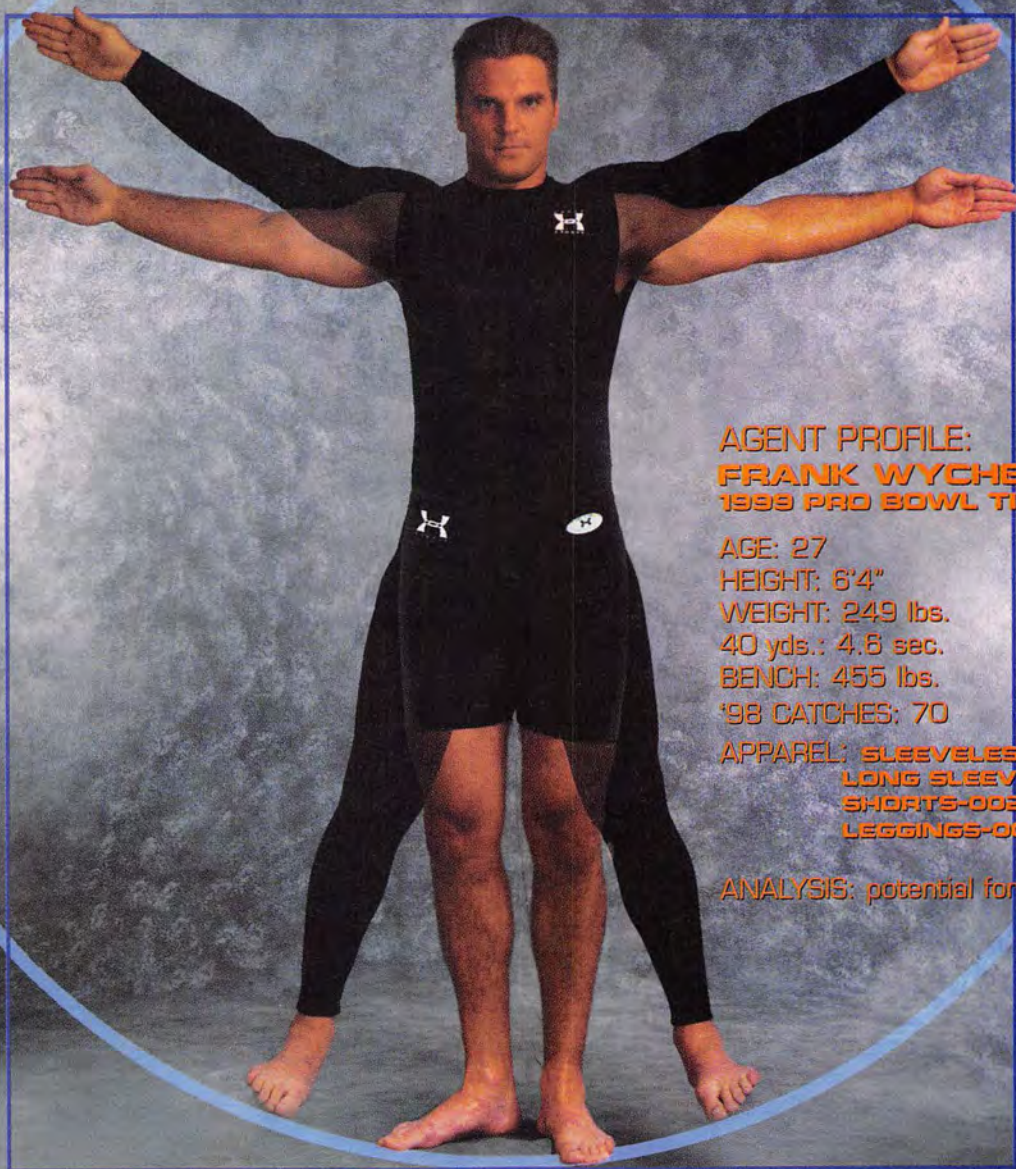
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# ATLANTIC COAST

## A familiar ACC script: Florida State's the heavy favorite.

BY BOB SPEAR  
THE (COLUMBIA, S.C.) STATE

**A**t long last, after Florida State's domination of Atlantic Coast Conference football since joining the league seven years ago, a new wrinkle will be added to the equation this fall.

No, no, the Seminoles' dominance will not end. All that "coach talk" about closing the gap on Florida State this season is just that—talk. Instead, the national spotlight will focus on the ACC for a different reason—college football's first father-son head coaching battle.

The showdown that would feature the patriarch, the Seminoles' Bobby Bowden, against one of his sons in the coaching fraternity figured to come in the season-opening Florida State-Auburn clash. Instead, history unfolds October 23 in the Florida State-Clemson battle.

Son Terry quit the Auburn job midway through last season, and Auburn officials bought out the game against Florida State. But Clemson hired son Tommy from Tulane, and history still will be made.

Otherwise, look for another chapter in a familiar story around the ACC: Florida State at the top not only of the league but also in search of a national championship. The challengers—and both Virginia and Georgia Tech could earn prominent places in the national polls—can only hope the flow of talent in Tallahassee somehow slows.

A couple of early season games—Virginia at North Carolina and Georgia Tech at Florida State—will provide immediate insight into the league race. Later, the week after the father-son duel, the Seminoles face Virginia in Charlottesville, site of one of their two league losses in seven ACC seasons. Virginia faces Tech a week later, and North Carolina State will try to break North Carolina's hammerlock on Tobacco Road in mid-November.

In the end, though, expect Florida State to add to its collection of championship trophies. Remember, the Seminoles played for last season's national title with the quarterback expected to be No. 3 on the depth chart at the helm, and that is a talent level their ACC rivals can match only in their dreams.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Peter Warrick,  
WR, Florida State

#### DEFENSE:

Brandon Spoon,  
LB, North Carolina

#### NEWCOMER:

Koren Robinson,  
WR, N.C. State

### GAMES TO WATCH

Virginia at North  
Carolina,  
September 4

Georgia Tech at  
Florida State,  
September 11

### PREDICTIONS

1. Florida State
2. Georgia Tech
3. Virginia
4. North Carolina State
5. North Carolina
6. Clemson
7. Duke
8. Maryland
9. Wake Forest

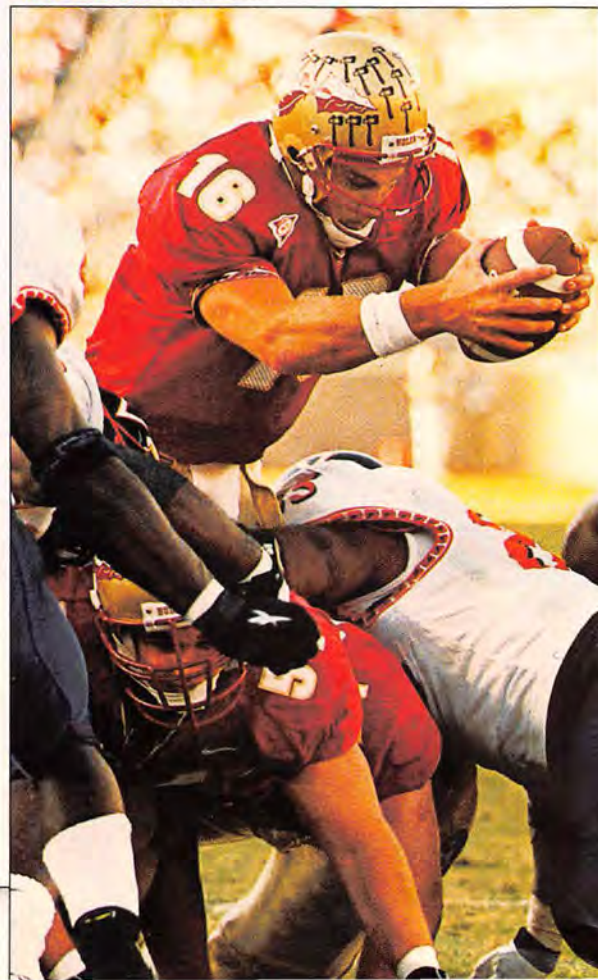
last season, suffering a 24-7 loss at North Carolina State. They rebounded by racing to the national title game without another setback, whipping Georgia Tech 34-7 and Virginia 45-14 in ACC showdowns and Florida 23-12 in a must game that helped produce the national-title opportunity.

The facts: 16 starters and all key special team players return from the team that extended the school's incredible streak of top four finishes in rankings to 12. The Seminoles welcome back all wide receivers, all quarterbacks, their top five rushers, nine of their top 10 scorers and nine of their top 15 tacklers. For good measure, the veterans include all the offensive linemen, both starters and reserves.

The lone question mark involves quarterback Chris Weinke, who suffered a herniated disk last season and missed the final three games. Doctors are optimistic that he will be ready in August; if not, Marcus Outzen will be at the helm to start the season.

No matter who plays quarterback, he will work with talent everywhere. All-America Peter Warrick headlines what could be Florida State's finest-ever corps of receivers. Travis Minor, 857 yards rushing despite missing two games, will be at tailback, and the intact offensive line includes all-stars in guard Jason Whitaker and tackle Ross Brannon. Seven starters return from the nation's No. 1 defensive unit, with interior linemen Corey Simon and Jerry Johnson among the ACC's best. Only

Chris Weinke, Florida State



### FLORIDA STATE

**W**ith experienced personnel returning everywhere from the squad that played for the national championship in January, coach Bobby Bowden searches long and hard for possible pitfalls that might topple his 24th Florida State team. Finally, he settles for the lack of motivation.

"Is this team hungry?" he wonders. "That's the thing about being around the top all the time; you are always afraid someone is going to lose their hunger."

Well, in Bowden's 23 seasons and 219 wins in Tallahassee, "hunger" has seldom been a source of concern, and rivals who hold out hope that the Seminoles will lose their focus are grasping at straws.

The Seminoles received an early dose of humility

Tommy Polley returns among the regulars at linebacker, but the secondary, anchored by corners Mario Edwards and Tay Cody, is two-deep at every spot. Throw in the kickers, record-breaking Sebastian Janikowski on placements and third-year starter Keith Cottrell on punts, and what's not to like?

Inserting the if-we-stay-healthy qualifier, Bowden admits, "We've got the whole package."

## GEORGIA TECH

**C**oming off its most successful season since 1990, Georgia Tech coach George O'Leary tells his team "to forget about last year," which included a No. 9 final ranking and a victory over Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl.

"That's over," he says. "What you do next year is what people are going to remember. You never remain the same; you either get better or worse. We need to get better."

The weapons are available to achieve that "get-better" mission. Senior quarterback Joe Hamilton—2,166 yards and 17 touchdowns passing, 298 yards and four touchdowns rushing—headlines the 15 returning starters for the 1998 squad that shared the ACC title with Florida State. Hamilton will be joined in the offensive spotlight by wide receiver Dez White (46 receptions, 973 yards) and tackle Jon Carman, one of four regulars back on the line. Depth abounds in the backfield with leading rusher Joe Burns (474 yards) and Phillip Rogers (466). They'll be joined by redshirt freshman Gordon Clinkscales, a spring-practice standout.

Free safety Travares Tillman will lead the defensive unit that must replace five starters, including leading tackler Delaunta Cameron. In addition to the search for new faces, the defense must adjust to a new set of coaches, including coordinator Ted Roof. Tackle Merrix Watson, end Felipe Claybrooks and cornerback Jamara Clark joins Tillman in providing a solid nucleus, and redshirt freshman linebacker Kelvin Hughley enjoyed a solid spring. With returning regulars Matt Miller and Chris Edwards nursing injuries, Hughley, Nick Rogers and Ross Mitchell received additional work.

Tech's 1998 defense ranked eighth among the ACC's nine teams in yardage allowed (397.6 yards per game) but third in points allowed (24.3). The unit also contributed significantly to the team's 35.6 scoring average, setting a national



Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech

record with seven touchdowns scored on fumble returns. So many defensive points this year will be unlikely, but the offense should take care of any shortcomings. Hamilton has 27 TD passes and only eight interceptions in his last 17 games, and he directed four winning drives in the fourth quarter a year ago. The return of Jon Muyres, who missed 1998 with a foot injury, and the development of Kelly Campbell and Kerry Watkins should relax defensive attention on White and make for a more versatile passing game.

Perhaps Tech's biggest challenge is replacing All-America punter Rodney Williams and steady placement specialist Brad Chambers.

## VIRGINIA

**E**quating Virginia football with the programs at Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska guarantees some questioning looks. How can that

be? Relatively quietly, the Cavaliers stand alongside those heavyweights with a streak of at least seven victories for 12 straight seasons.

This fall promises more of the same for the Cavaliers.

With the challenge of breaking in a new quarterback, perhaps they will not be spectacular. But they will be effective; coach George Welsh's teams almost always are and this Virginia team will be seeking its 13th straight winning season and 10th bowl berth in that stretch.

Although a solid nucleus returns, deciding on a quarterback from a covey of inexperienced personnel holds the key. Junior Dan Ellis, who has played eight games and completed 19 of 39 passes in two years, is the heir apparent, but junior David Rivers and a pair of incoming freshmen, Matt Schaub and Bryson Spinner, could fit into the picture. "It's an unknown when you have a new starting quarterback because you never know how individuals are going to react when it's their job," Welsh says. "But I feel less trepidation about Dan Ellis... He may

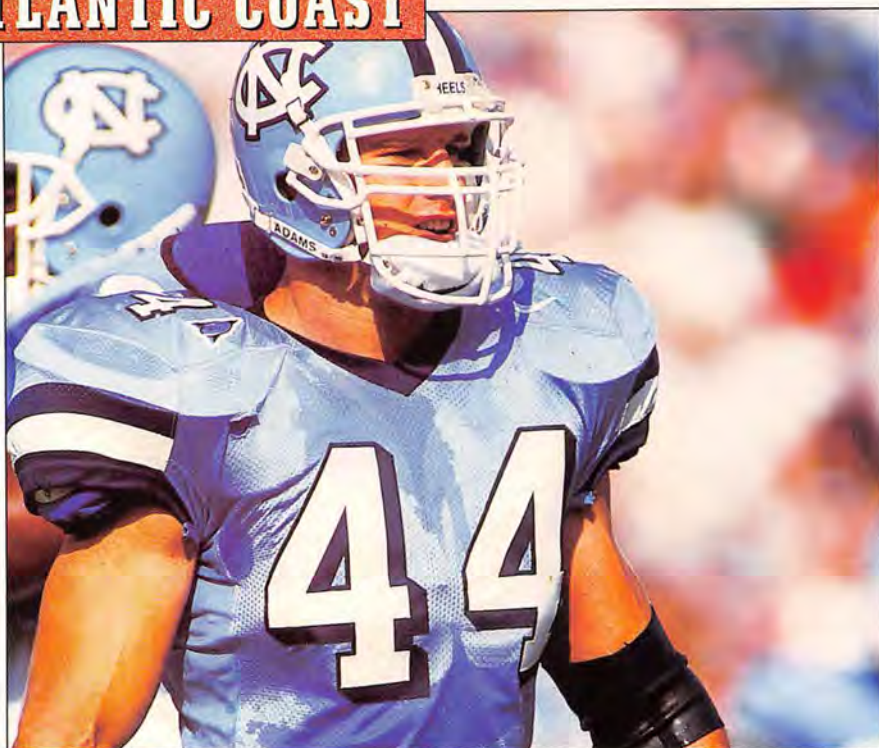
## ALL-ATLANTIC COAST TEAM

### OFFENSE

WR	Peter Warrick	SR	Florida State
WR	S. Montgomery	SR	Duke
TE	Casey Crawford	SR	Virginia
OT	Jon Carman	SR	Georgia Tech
OT	Ross Brannon	JR	Florida State
OG	N. LaMontagne	SR	Virginia
OG	Jason Whitaker	SR	Florida State
C	John St. Clair	SR	Virginia
QB	Joe Hamilton	SR	Georgia Tech
RB	Thomas Jones	SR	Virginia
RB	LaMont Jordan	JR	Maryland
PK	S. Janikowski	JR	Florida State

### DEFENSE

DL	Travis Griffith	SR	Virginia
DL	Chris Combs	SR	Duke
DL	Corey Simon	SR	Florida State
DL	Jerry Johnson	SR	Florida State
LB	Brandon Spoon	SR	North Carolina
LB	Byron Thweatt	JR	Virginia
LB	A. Thompson	SO	Maryland
DB	Lloyd Harrison	SR	N.C. State
DB	Mario Edwards	SR	Florida State
DB	Robert Carswell	JR	Clemson
DB	Travares Tillman	SR	Georgia Tech
P	Brian Schmitz	SR	North Carolina



**Brandon Spoon, North Carolina**

be one of those individuals who can play well without a lot of experience. That's what I'm hoping."

The offense will operate under a new coordinator, former Virginia quarterback and Navy coach Gary Tranquill, and no matter who wins the quarterback job, he will get the ball often to tailback Thomas Jones, whose 1,303 yards led the ACC rushers by almost 400 yards. Although promising junior Antwoine Womack took a leave of absence in the spring, the ACC's best rushing attack should be formidable again behind a solid offensive line. "We're in good shape there," says Welsh, noting the return of all-star Noel LaMontagne at guard and John St. Clair at center. "We have eight or nine individuals who are pretty good."

Linebackers Byron Thweatt and Donny Green head six returning starters on defense, but three all-stars must be replaced. "I think we should be a pretty good defensive team," Welsh says. "We're a little short of depth at linebacker and maybe defensive end, but if we stay healthy, we have the potential and enough experience to be a pretty good defensive team."

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE

**T**he Wolfpack of 1998 barely beat Ohio University one week and shocked Florida State the next. They bowed to Baylor, then thrashed Syracuse.

They can wonder "what if?" forever and never come up with a concrete answer. Whatever, N.C. State crafted a three-game winning streak late in the season that earned the school's first bowl appearance since 1995.

Offense provided most of the pluses, setting records for total yards and passing yards, and that must be the case again this fall if the Wolfpack expects another bowl trip. A reason for optimism: the return of quarterback Jamie Barnette. A reason for pessimism: the absence of wide receiver Torry Holt, the ACC's offensive player of the year and the sixth player selected in April's NFL Draft.

Barnette has passed for more than 200 yards in 21 of his 29 starts and has thrown at least two touchdown passes in 10 of his last 15. For his career, he ranks ninth in ACC history with 7,141 yards and seventh in total offense (7,295). However, he will be working without Holt, the league's career leader in receiving yards (3,370) who set single-season records last season with 88 catches and 1,604 yards. Five veteran wideouts, led by Chris Coleman, and experienced tailbacks Ray Robinson and Rashon Spikes provide able assistance, but coach Mike O'Cain wonders about his offensive line. "We have some questions to be answered," he says, "but we could be pretty strong there." The answer, he says, will depend on the development of young players.

In one of those amazing statistics, the defensive unit that surrendered an aver-

age of 28 points in the regular season restricted Florida State to seven and Syracuse to 17, its lowest yields of the year. All-ACC cornerback Lloyd Harrison, who led the league with seven interceptions and 23 passes broken up, heads seven returning defensive regulars. Linebackers Edrick Smith (94 tackles) and Levar Fisher (74) enjoyed stellar freshman seasons. "We have lost some key players on our defense front, and that has kept us from being as good as we could have been," O'Cain says. "I believe our defense is getting better, even through we struggled at times last year. We were very, very young inside at the defensive tackle position and at the linebacker spots."

## NORTH CAROLINA

**T**he Tar Heels achieved a lot of "firsts"—not all of them positive—en route to making Carl Torbush the first coach in school history to post a winning record in his first season. North Carolina began 0-3, then went 7-2. The first team in ACC history to rebound from such a poor beginning to earn a post-season berth, they became the only squad in the nation to have won a bowl game for each of the past four seasons.

To maintain momentum and secure an eighth-straight bowl bid, some question marks will have to become exclamation points. "We have lost really the last remaining group of players from what was the best three-year defense in Carolina football history," says Torbush, the defensive coordinator who replaced Mack Brown as head coach. "We have to see how much the young players can handle and how versatile we can be on defense."

**Jamie Barnette, North Carolina State**





**Mal Lawyer, Clemson**

Linebacker Brandon Spoon provides a nice building block of the defense. He led the club with 138 tackles last fall, calls the defensive signals for the front seven and ranks among the team's fiercest competitors. Outside linebacker Sedrick Hodge (89 tackles, 11 for losses) and tackles Sherrod Peace and Ryan Sims are the only other regulars returning on a defense that lost seven starters for the second straight year.

Four players who missed all or most of 1997 with injuries—tight end Alge Crumpler, wide receiver Jason Peace, lineman Bryan Malloy and tailback Domonique Williams—figure prominently in 1999's plans. Crumpler earned second-team all-ACC honors in 1997, and Peace caught 32 passes for 418 yards that season. Their absence, plus some other in-season injuries, helps explain UNC's lowest total offensive average (328.7 yards per game) in almost a decade.

Ronald Curry, the MVP of the Las Vegas Bowl, set school freshman records for passing yards (975), touchdown passes (six) and total offense (1,394) and should be improved with a year of experience. James Wagstaff heads the offensive front, which Torbush notes "has a lot of experience returning, so that should help us be a better football team." Rufus Brown, eighth in the ACC with 534 yards rushing, and Deon Dyer (six touchdowns) return at the running back spots, and the specialists roles are well fortified with punter Brian Schmitz (44.8 yards per kick) and kicker Josh McGee (14 of 18 on field goals).

## CLEMSON

**T**he Tigers struggled through one of those so-near-yet-so-far seasons last fall, suffering five losses by seven or fewer points, including three in the game's final minute. The result: a last-place finish in the ACC for only the second time, a school-record seven conference losses and the firing of head coach Tommy West.

Tommy Bowden arrived fresh from Tulane and the Green Wave's undefeated season, inheriting 11 starters from a squad that finished eighth in the ACC in total offense (304.7 yards) and points (19.8). All the skill-position players return, none of the starting offensive linemen are back. "What stood out today is that we need some playmakers," offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez says. "We need guys who can make the great play, break the long run, make the big catch, make the big throw. This is a playmaker's type of offense, where they have a chance to excel."

The "returning starters" list is deceiving. Eight of the offensive players who started the final four games, in which the Tigers boosted their production to averages of 361 yards and 28 points, are back, and senior Brandon Streeter gets first call at quarterback. He threw for 887 yards and nine touchdowns in the final four games. However, the coaches love the potential of incoming freshman Willie Simmons, and Rodriguez says "freshmen are going to have to help us." Sophomores Kyle Young and Akil Smith will anchor the offensive line.

Six starters return from the defense that ranked 14th against the run (104.6 yards per game) and 25th overall (320.3) in the national statistics. "The only change is that we're going to an attack defense," defensive coordinator Reggie Herring says. "Last year, we were a read-first defense. Now, we're an attack front . . . Overall, we have more speed, so we will be a blitzing, stunting type of defense."

The secondary will revolve around safety Robert Carswell. Herring says that Keith Adams is the only linebacker assured of a starting job.

## DUKE

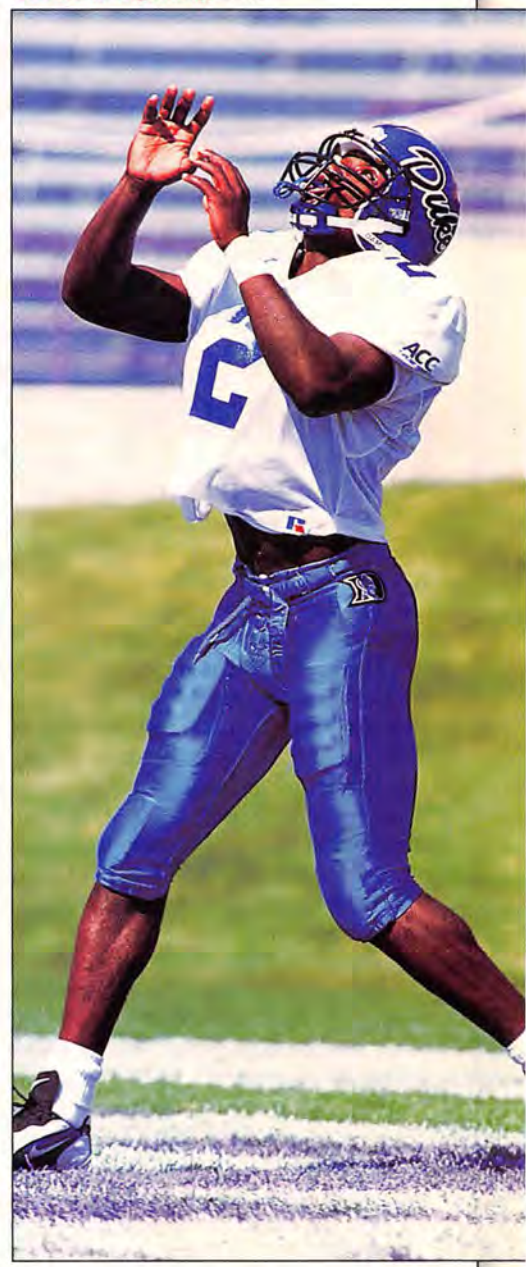
**C**arl Franks returns to his alma mater to become the school's 19th head coach and finds the Blue Devils armed with 19 regulars, more than any ACC school. The list of veterans includes

two experienced quarterbacks, all-conference defensive tackle Carl Combs and a strong safety-turned-tailback who finished fifth in the league with 798 yards rushing.

One statistic screams for attention. In their four victories, the Blue Devils committed two turnovers. In their seven losses, they gave the ball away 24 times. Obviously, taking better care of the ball will be high on Franks' list of priorities.

In its final season under Fred Goldsmith, Duke played a more physical brand of football, the evidence coming in the ground game. Led by freshman B.J. Hill, the Blue Devils averaged 146.3 yards a game rushing, the school's highest per-game total since 1982. The ground success opened some passing opportunities

**Scottie Montgomery, Duke**



# ATLANTIC COAST

for quarterbacks Spencer Romaine, who started the first six games and threw for 862 yards, and Bobby Campbell, who started the final five and passed for 1,199 yards. Wide receivers Scottie Montgomery (60 catches, 793 yards) and Richmond Flowers (48, 704) return along with tight end Terrence Dupree and four offensive line starters.

Combs became Duke's first defensive lineman to win all-conference honors since 1981 and led the defense that posted Duke's best total defense average in almost two decades. Combs made 43 tackles a year ago and he has recorded 18 sacks in three seasons. Leading tackler Ryan Stallmeyer (85) heads the linebacking corps that includes Todd DeLamielleure (75 tackles in nine games) and Kevin Lewis. Cornerback Lamar Grant, strong safety Darius Clark and free safety Eric Jones bring a wealth of experience to the secondary with a combined 422 tackles and 11 interceptions in their careers.

The specialty jobs are in good hands with kicker Sims Lenhardt (16 of 22 on field goals, including an ACC record for 50-yard success) and punter Brian Morton (40.4 average).

## MARYLAND

**T**he Terps begin their third season under coach Ron Vanderlinden with hopes that growing pains will begin to show in the won-loss ledger. They have paid the price of building with freshmen and sophomores and hope the experience translates into victories.

Maryland routinely employed 20 first- or second-year players among its first 44, and 10 started at the end of 1998. Add another solid recruiting class, and Vanderlinden believes exciting days soon will be forthcoming. Although their record did not illustrate the gains, statistics did, as the Terps ranked among the nation's most improved teams in total scoring and passing defense as well as rushing offense.

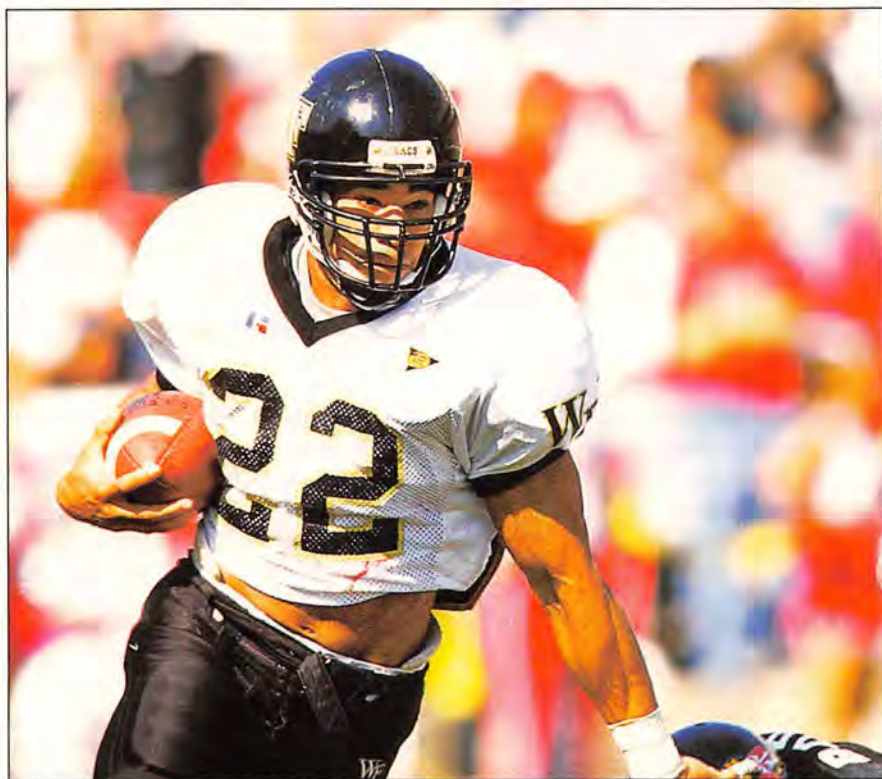
Beaten by an average of almost 18 points a game in 1997, the differential fell to an average of eight last season. Six of the eight losses came at the hands of teams ranked among the nation's top 25 at least one week in the AP poll. Beaten by ACC teams an average of 24 points a game in 1997, the margin fell to 10.5 in 1998.

Running backs LaMont Jordan (906

yards rushing) and Matt Kalapinski (388) provide a solid rushing punch that should benefit from more production at quarterback. Whether Randall Jones, who established himself late last season, or redshirt freshman Calvin McCall, a highly touted prospect, wins the job, the offense should be more balanced with the runners complementing a deep group of wide receivers. Brad Messina and Jamie Wu anchor an offensive line that returns four starters.

seven of the 14 returning regulars have 20 or more starts under their belts. Yet, the Deacons will rise or fall on the strength of a rookie who has never played a college game.

Wake hitched its star to the abilities of touted quarterback C.J. Leak, the most heralded recruit in coach Jim Caldwell's seven years. The promise of an opportunity to play immediately led him to Winston-Salem instead of Notre Dame and a host of other tradition-rich powers.



*Morgan Kane, Wake Forest*

Delbert Cowsette, Maryland's third-leading tackler, heads the defensive front, and the return of Lewis Sanders, who missed last season with an injury, should make a solid secondary even better. However, replacements must be found for linebackers Eric Barton and Kendall Ogle, who combined for 302 tackles last season.

## WAKE FOREST

**T**he Deacons' high hopes for 1998 took a severe jolt in an opening-game thrashing from Air Force. After victories over Navy and Clemson restored the faith, Wake Forest bowed to Appalachian State in a confidence-shattering loss. Now with record-breaking receiver Desmond Clark and school career passing leader Brian Kuklick gone, expectations are not nearly so high.

Eight starters return on defense, a definite plus. Experience has grown;

Whether Leak or two-year backup Ben Sankey gets the job, the Deacons must have more rushing production to succeed. Wake averaged a woeful 65.4 yards a game on the ground a year ago, far below the 106 of the previous year. Morgan Kane gained 113 of his 454 yards against Clemson and his diminished production may lead to a position switch to fullback. The guard tandem of Sam Settar and Brian Wolverton brings tons of much-needed experience to the offensive line.

DaLawn Parrish, who led the team in tackles (75) and tackles for losses (10) heads the secondary that includes two-year starter Reggie Austin. Seniors Abdul Grice and Dustin Lyman return at the linebacker spots, and tackle Fred Robbins and end Mat Petz (61 tackles, including 15 for losses) solidify the defensive front.

# BIG EAST

## Defense-minded Hokies may have plenty to gobble about in '99.

BY JEFF WHITE  
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

**T**his is supposed to be the season Miami returns to national prominence, but Virginia Tech is conceding nothing to the Hurricanes. Tech has won four straight over Miami. If the Hokies can run that streak to five with a victory November 13 in Blacksburg, they will probably claim the Big East title and represent the league in the Bowl Championship Series for the first time since 1996.

Tech and Miami, both 9-3 last season, have to break in new quarterbacks, but they return numerous starters and should be the titans of the Big East. Each is gunning for a Top 10 finish.

The outlook is not so promising for the league's other perennial first-division teams. Syracuse and West Virginia suffered devastating personnel losses. The two-time defending champion Orangemen must replace most of their offensive weapons, most notably quarterback Donovan McNabb, the most celebrated player in league history. West Virginia, which finished in a three-way tie (with Tech and Miami) for second, lost, among others, all of its starting linemen, star receivers Shawn Foreman and David Saunders, and tailback Amos Zereoue, the Big East's all-time leading rusher.

There's stability, at least, among the conference's other teams, each of which has introduced a new coach in recent years. Terry Shea returns for his fourth season at Rutgers, which will try to sustain the dramatic improvement it showed in '98. Walt Harris and Tom O'Brien are in their third years at Pittsburgh and Boston College, respectively.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Virginia Tech
2. Miami
3. Syracuse
4. West Virginia
5. Boston College
6. Pittsburgh
7. Rutgers
8. Temple

### VIRGINIA TECH

**T**he Hokies (5-2, 9-3) capped an alleged rebuilding year by humbling Alabama 38-7 in the Music City Bowl. No one in Blacksburg is using the word "rebuild" this year. Coach Frank Beamer's Hokies won in '98 with spectacular special teams and swarming defense, and they're loaded in both areas again this season. But this year the offense—which averaged only 316.7 yards per game last season, seventh in the Big East—shouldn't be a liability.

Beamer has never had a more talented receiving corps or a more promising quarterback than redshirt freshman Michael Vick, whose Tech "debut" attracted a record crowd to the spring game in April. Senior Ricky Hall had eight touchdown catches last year, and fellow receivers Andre Davis, Emmett Johnson and Terrell Parham have great potential. Shyrone Stith (5.3 yards per carry) steps in at tailback, and Jarrett Ferguson and Cullen Hawkins are solid fullbacks. Veterans up front include center Keith Short, tight end Derek Carter, guard Matt Lehr and tackles Josh Redding and Dave Kadela. Tech's line, which lost all-conference picks Derek Smith and Dwight

Vick, lacks a marquee player but looks improved from a year ago.

The defense, which ranked fourth nationally in '98, can't get much better, but it will try. Eight starters are back, including All-America Corey Moore, the undersized end (6-0, 212) who led the Big East with 14 sacks and was the conference's defensive player of the year. His bookend, John Engelberger, is another All-America candidate, and senior tackles Nathaniel Williams and Carl Bradley are nearly impossible to run on. Bradley is recovering from a shoulder injury and might redshirt, but Tech is deep at tackle. Senior Jamel Smith and junior Lorenzo Ferguson lead a superb linebacking corps. Tech's biggest concern is its secondary, where three starters must be replaced, including Pierson Prioleau, a fourth-round NFL draft pick.

Tech's special teams are exceptional. Kicker Shayne Graham—thrice an all-Big East first-teamer and Tech's all-time leading scorer—and punter Jimmy Kibble (two-time all-conference) are back, along with their deep snappers. Most of the members of the nation's most-feared kick-blocking unit return, too. The Hokies have blocked more kicks in the '90s than any other Division I-A team.

### MIAMI

**T**he Hurricanes (5-2, 9-3) have been riding a wave of optimism since shocking second-ranked UCLA 49-45 in the regular-season finale. They closed the year by whipping N.C. State in the Micron PC Bowl, signed a highly regarded recruiting class in February and enter this season with their sights set on the Bowl Championship Series.

Fifth-year coach Butch Davis, who has had to rely on freshmen and sophomores in recent seasons, finally has a veteran team. Seventeen starters return.

The 'Canes averaged 36.5 points last season. That high-octane offense lost two key starters—all-Big East tailback Edgerrin James and quarterback Scott Covington—but their replacements are talented. James Jackson (6.9 yards per carry in '98) and Najeh Davenport (6.8) are vying for the No. 1 tailback's job, and sophomore Kenny Kelly, a former *Parade* All-America, takes over at quarterback. Kelly passed for 433 yards and five touchdowns last season. Davis had two superb tight ends in All-America candidate Daniel Franks and Mondriel Fulcher, so he moved Fulcher to fullback. The league's most dangerous receiving corps features all-conference pick Santana Moss; Reggie Wayne, the Big East rookie of the year in 1997; Andre King and Daryl Jones.

The offensive line, with four starters back, is another strength. Guard Richard Mercier made the all-conference first team, and tackle Joaquin Gonzalez was Big East rookie of the year. Also back are center Ty Wise and tackle Robert Hall.

New defensive coordinator Greg Schiano takes over an inconsistent unit that ranked only 53rd

### TOP PLAYERS

**OFFENSE:**  
Marc Bulger,  
QB, West Virginia

**DEFENSE:**  
Corey Moore,  
DE, Virginia Tech

**NEWCOMER:**  
Michael Vick,  
QB, Virginia Tech

### GAMES TO WATCH

Miami vs. Ohio State,  
August 29

West Virginia  
at Syracuse,  
September 25

Virginia Tech  
at Virginia,  
October 2

Miami at Florida State,  
October 9

Miami at Virginia Tech,  
November 13

# BIG EAST



**Santana Moss, Miami**

nationally in scoring defense (25 points per game). But the raw material is there. All-conference end Derrick Ham was the only senior starter in '98, and UM has two of the nation's finer linebackers in juniors Dan Morgan and Nate Webster. Morgan led the conference in tackles, and Webster was second. Junior Damione Lewis is a force at tackle, and the secondary returns eight players who have started. They include cornerbacks Leonard Myers (second-team all-conference) and Markese Fitzgerald and safety Edward Reed, a freshman All-America in '98.

## SYRACUSE

**L**ife after McNabb isn't something the Orangemen are eager to experience, but they have no choice. A four-year starter at quarterback and the No. 2 pick in the NFL Draft, Donovan McNabb is now a Philadelphia Eagle. Syracuse (6-1, 8-4) suffered other significant personnel losses, but ninth-year coach Paul Pasqualoni has six returning regulars on offense and seven on defense, plus record-setting kicker Nate Trout. Pasqualoni also has four new assistant coaches.

How the Orangemen fare may hinge on the play of McNabb's successor. Madei Williams is the probable choice, but no one's touting him as a future All-

America. The sophomore threw only seven passes and rushed seven times last season. Also in the mix are redshirt freshman Troy Nunes and junior Dee Brown, who may also play tailback, his position last season. The return of game-breaker Quinton Spotwood should ease the new QB's transition. Spotwood, an all-conference receiver and kick-returner in 1997, sustained a season-ending knee injury in the fifth game last year. Nick Sudano takes over at fullback for bruiser Rob Konrad, now in the NFL. James Mungro (7.3 yards per carry) and Brown (5.2) should get most of the time at tailback.

George DeLeone, who begins his second stint as Syracuse's offensive coordinator, has the luxury of a experienced line. Starting tackles Mark Baniewicz and Jeff Pilon return, along with guard Bill O'Donnell, center Cory Bowen and tight end Stephen Brominski, who caught the winning touchdown pass in the Orangemen's stunning last-second victory over Virginia Tech last season.

Chris Rippon replaces DeLeone as defensive coordinator and welcomes back seven starters, among them linebackers Keith Bulluck (second-team all-Big East) and Morlon Greenwood. Senior end Donald Dinkins is a strong pass rusher but, like Spotwood, is coming off a season-ending knee injury. The secondary lost all-conference picks Phil Nash and Jason Poles and will rebuild

around cornerbacks Will Allen and Ian McIntosh and safety Quentin Harris, who had 17 tackles against Florida in the Orange Bowl.

## WEST VIRGINIA

**T**here's rebuilding, and then there's rebuilding. Check out the numbers: The Mountaineers (5-2, 8-4) placed six players on the all-Big East first team last season. All are gone, including two (tailback Amos Zereoue and offensive tackle Solomon Page) who had eligibility left. Also departed are three players who were second-team all-conference. WVU lost 13 starters in all, including the entire offensive and defensive lines.

The good news for the Mountaineers is that their returning starters are outstanding. Senior quarterback Marc Bulger led the Big East in passing (288.9 yards per game) last season and already holds 19 school records. He threw 27 touchdown passes and only eight interceptions in '98. Record-setting receivers David Saunders and Shawn Foreman are gone. Khori Ivy and Pat Greene could put up similar numbers. Ivy ranked eighth among conference receivers last season, and Greene had 32 catches in 1997.

Tight end Anthony Becht (6-6, 265) is a huge target and a top NFL prospect. The linemen are untested, but no one questions the blocking ability of Anthony Green, a three-year starter at fullback. The leading candidate to replace the great Zereoue is Alvin Swoope, who averaged 5.2 yards per carry last season, but Cooper Rego and Brannon Goins will also challenge for the job.

If defensive coordinator Steve Dunlap can mold an effective line, West Virginia's defense could be outstanding. Second-team all-conference pick Barrett Green, the Big East's second-leading tackler, leads a group of experienced linebackers that includes Kyle Kayden and Chris Edmonds. Cornerback Nate Terry took a medical redshirt last season but made the all-conference first team in '97. Also back in the secondary are veterans Gary Thompkins, Scooter Davis, Jerry Porter and Perlo Bastien. Porter was second in the Big East with five interceptions.

## BOSTON COLLEGE

**C**oach Tom O'Brien's second season started with great promise but ended with his team's seventh defeat in

eight games. Narrow losses to Navy and Notre Dame—which preserved its victory with a dramatic goal-line stand—were especially disappointing. If this is to be O'Brien's breakthrough season, his offensive newcomers will have to develop quickly. Boston College (3-4, 4-7) lost the heart of its attack to the NFL: tailback Mike Cloud, the school's all-time leading rusher, and linemen Damien Woody and Doug Brzezinski.

Fortunately for O'Brien, whose record at BC is 8-14, he has nine starters back on defense. The anchors are senior nose guard Chris Hovan, an All-America candidate, and senior tackle Mike Willetts, who had five sacks. The top returning linebacker is senior Frank Chamberlin, BC's third-leading tackler in '98.

The secondary returns all its lettermen, among them senior safeties Pedro Cirino and George White. A shoulder injury slowed Cirino in '98, but in '97 he was the Big East's second-leading tackler and made the all-conference second team.

Question marks abound on offense. The quarterback will be junior Tim Hasselbeck or redshirt freshman Brian St. Pierre, and Hasselbeck threw only 12 passes (completing nine; two for TDs) last season. The top returning rusher is Cedric Washington, who can expect challenges from senior Carlton Rowe and touted freshman William Green, a *Parade* All-America. Only two returning receivers—Dedrick Dewalt (13 for 140 yards) and Derrick Crittenden (six for 73)—caught passes last season.

## PITTSBURGH

The Panthers followed a storybook 1997 season—highlighted by their first bowl appearance in eight years—with a disastrous campaign. Pitt (0-7, 2-9) takes a seven-game losing streak into Walt Harris' third season as coach, but should climb out of the conference cellar. Seven starters return on both defense and offense, and if Harris can resuscitate a running game that ranked last in the Big East, his rebuilding job will be back on track.

For the second straight year, Pitt is breaking in a new quarterback who will have to face Penn State in the second game. Senior Matt O'Connor had the edge coming out of spring drills, but junior John Turman and sophomore David Priestley, an Ohio State transfer, haven't conceded the fight. There's no uncertainty at flanker, where junior Latef Grim (60 catches for 906 yards) is coming off a season in which he set a school

record by averaging six catches per game.

No such standouts emerged at running back. Tailback Brandon Williams, pressed into action as a true freshman, started nine games and rushed for 394 yards. Ohio State transfer Nick Goings and junior Aamir Dew are battling Williams for playing time. Four starters return on the line, along with tight end Ben Kopp.

Senior cornerback Hank Poteat may be the Panthers' most valuable player. He led the Big East in interceptions (six) last year and set school records for single-season and career kick-return yardage. Other starters back for a unit that ranked third in the Big East in total defense are end Julian Graham, nose tackle Demond Gibson, linebackers Nick Cole and Karim Thompson and safeties Seth Hornack and D.J. Dinkins.

## RUTGERS

After guiding the Scarlet Knights (2-5, 5-6) to the second-best turnaround in Division I-A and winning the Big East coach of the year, Terry Shea wants to climb another rung on the ladder. It won't be easy, given a non-conference schedule that includes Texas and California.

The return of junior quarterback Mike McMahon (200.3 yards passing per game) and senior tailback Jacki Crooks bodes well for the Rutgers attack. McMahon, a three-year starter, averaged 200.3 yards passing in '98, and Crooks is the league's top returning rusher (74.6 yards per game). Shea's most pressing concern, once again, is his defense. Under first-year defensive coordinator Dennis Creehan, the Scarlet Knights allowed 120 fewer points in 1998 than in '97, but don't be fooled by that statistic. Rutgers ranked last in the Big East in total defense (427.9 yards per game) in '98 and had far and away the weakest rush defense (246 yards per game).

Nine starters return on defense,

which, as the saying goes, could be good or bad for Shea. The team's leading tackler in '98, linebacker Aaron Brady, is gone, but the line is intact. Its leader is senior end Wayne Hampton (6-5, 250), a pass-rushing specialist who made the all-conference second team.

## TEMPLE

The Owls' 100th season of football included one of the greatest upsets in college history: Their 28-24 win over nationally ranked Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The Hokies, five-touchdown favorites, bolted to a 17-0 lead in front of a homecoming crowd, only to see Temple storm back to claim its first-ever Big East road victory. The Owls rallied from a 20-0 deficit to prevail at Pittsburgh two games later, but there was little else to cheer in Bobby Wallace's first season as a Division I-A head coach.

Injuries contributed heavily to Temple's woes in '98, and Wallace hopes to use that to his advantage in this season. Twenty-five first-year players saw action last season for the Owls (2-5, 2-9), and 30 players who started at least one game are back.

The Owls have a new look on offense. Wallace has modified the option attack he won three national titles with at Division II North Alabama.

Senior tailback Elmarko Jackson will still get his carries, but Wallace has installed a short-passing offense. The starting quarterback will be Devin Scott or Mac DeVito; each played as a true freshman last season. Their No. 1 target will be sophomore flanker Carlos Johnson, who as a true freshman had six touchdown catches.

Temple ranked seventh in the Big East in scoring defense and total defense last season, ahead of only Rutgers. The Owls must rebuild their secondary but return all-conference candidates Raheem Brock (end), Kevin Harvey (cornerback) and LeVar Talley (linebacker). ■

# ALL-BIG EAST TEAM

## OFFENSE

QB	Marc Bulger	SR	West Virginia
RB	James Jackson	JR	Miami
RB	Elmarko Jackson	SR	Temple
WR	Santana Moss	JR	Miami
WR	Latef Grim	JR	Pittsburgh
TE	Daniel Franks	JR	Miami
OL	Shaun O'Hara	SR	Rutgers
OL	Mark Baniewicz	SR	Syracuse
OL	Darnell Alford	SR	Boston College
OL	Joaquin Gonzalez	SO	Miami
OL	Richard Mercier	SR	Miami
PK	Shayne Graham	SR	Virginia Tech

## DEFENSE

DL	Corey Moore	SR	Virginia Tech
DL	John Engelberger	SR	Virginia Tech
DL	Chris Hovan	SR	Boston College
DL	Wayne Hampton	SR	Rutgers
LB	Dan Morgan	JR	Miami
LB	Nate Webster	JR	Miami
LB	Keith Bulluck	SR	Syracuse
DB	Hank Poteat	SR	Pittsburgh
DB	Nate Terry	SR	West Virginia
DB	Ike Charlton	JR	Virginia Tech
DB	Leonard Myers	JR	Miami
P	Jimmy Kibble	SR	Virginia Tech

# BIG TEN

## All roads to a Big Ten title will go through Happy Valley.

BY LARRY LAGE

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**T**he Big Ten dominated last bowl season with a 5-0 record, which at least temporarily silenced its critics' claims that the storied conference is all hype. Two teams finished in the Associated Press' top six (No. 2 Ohio State and No. 6 Wisconsin). In 1997, the conference proved it could also produce a national champion when Michigan finished the season undefeated. The strong showing last December and January followed a regular season that saw the top-ranked Buckeyes lose at home to a non-bowl eligible team in the Michigan State Spartans. Talk about top-to-bottom strength. The upset wasted an opportunity to have the Big Ten boast back-to-back national champions.

The Big Ten will show another one of its strong traits this season, when traditional superpowers Ohio State and Michigan slip behind Penn State and Wisconsin by the end of the regular season. The Nittany Lions have arguably the best defense in the nation, led by three of the best defensive players in the nation: defensive end Courtney Brown and linebackers LaVar Arrington and Brandon Short. Wisconsin returns 15 starters from its Rose Bowl championship team, led by Heisman Trophy candidate Ron Dayne, who has a shot to break Ricky Williams' NCAA rushing record.

Unfortunately, the Big Ten's eight-game conference schedule does not pit Penn State against Wisconsin, one year after the co-champion Badgers and Buckeyes didn't play each other. The Nittany Lions' path to their first Rose Bowl in five years—or perhaps the national championship game on January 3 in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans—will include obstacles like Ohio State (October 16) and Michigan (November 13), both of which will visit Happy Valley. When Ohio State plays at Michigan on November 20, the Big Ten title will not be on the line for a change, but the fierce rivalry will probably send its winner to the Citrus Bowl.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Ron Dayne,  
RB, Wisconsin

#### DEFENSE:

LaVar Arrington,  
LB, Penn State

#### NEWCOMER:

T.J. Duckett,  
LB/RB, Michigan State

### GAMES TO WATCH

Michigan at Wisconsin,  
September 25

Ohio State at Penn  
State, October 16

Michigan at Penn  
State, November 13

### PREDICTIONS

1. Penn State
2. Wisconsin
3. Michigan
4. Ohio State
5. Michigan State
6. Purdue
7. Minnesota
8. Indiana
9. Illinois
10. Iowa
11. Northwestern

sacks, 17 tackles for loss), senior inside linebacker Brandon Short (15 tackles for loss) and senior cornerback David Macklin (six interceptions).

Penn State's offense was as average as its defense was spectacular. The Nittany Lions scored a total of 12 points in losses to Ohio State, Michigan and Wisconsin last year. But there's hope in Happy Valley with eight starters returning to the unit. Senior quarterback Kevin Thompson returns as the starter after completing 53.5 percent of his passes and throwing six touchdowns and eight interceptions. But coach Joe Paterno, who enters his 50th year at Penn State (33rd as head coach), says he won't hesitate to also use junior Rashard Casey at quarterback if he deserves playing time. Sophomore running back Eric McCoo, who gained 822 yards last year, shouldn't have trouble rushing for more than 1,000 yards behind four returning starters on the offensive line. The Nittany Lions didn't have a deep-play receiving threat last year, but there's hope that seniors Chafie Fields and Corey Jones will fill that void this fall.

Penn State, after being criticized for weak schedules, will be ready for conference play after battling Arizona (August 28) at home and traveling to Miami September 18. Penn State's path to the Big Ten title is made easier with home games against Ohio State (October 16) and Michigan (November 13), and by not playing Wisconsin.

**Brandon Short, Penn State**





**Ron Dayne, Wisconsin**

## WISCONSIN

**R**on Dayne is prepared to rewrite NCAA history, before the ink dries in its record books. If Dayne runs for 1,717 yards (156 per game) he will surpass Ricky Williams as the NCAA's all-time leading rusher, just one season after the Texas star broke Tony Dorsett's long-standing record with 6,279 yards. The Badgers' bowling ball-like back needs just 499 yards to become the Big Ten's top rusher, passing Ohio State's Archie Griffin. Of course, that will probably happen after the Badgers continue their tradition of beating up weak non-conference opponents, which include Murray State, Ball State and Cincinnati this fall. Dayne averaged more than 24 carries a game last year and could surpass

that number in pursuit of the record and because of an inexperienced quarterback.

Senior Scott Kavanagh and redshirt freshman Brooks Bollinger will battle for the job of handing the ball off to Dayne. Kavanagh tossed 28 passes in blowout situations in place of Mike Samuel last year. At receiver, junior Chris Chambers

and sophomore Nick Davis, who is also an excellent punt returner, will try to prevent defenses from positioning nine players near the line of scrimmage to stop Dayne. Four returning starters on the line, led by senior tackle Chris McIntosh, will open holes and give their inexperienced quarterback time to pass.

On defense, eight starters return to a unit that gave up an NCAA-low 11.9 points a game. Junior defensive end John Favret will try to make some of the 22 sacks graduated star Tom Burke did last year. Look for senior linebacker Donnel Thompson to lead the team in tackles for the third straight year. Wisconsin features one of the league's best secondaries, with sophomore cornerback Jamar Fletcher, who made seven interceptions last year, sophomore cornerback Mike Echols and junior free safety Jason Doering.

The Badgers proved wrong their naysayers, who said they didn't belong in last year's Rose Bowl, with a 38-31 win over UCLA. They'll have a chance of returning to Pasadena if they can split their first two Big Ten games against Michigan at home (September 25) and Ohio State away (October 2) and win the rest of their conference games. The Badgers don't play Penn State, after not playing Ohio State last year.

## MICHIGAN

**C**oach Lloyd Carr has a "problem" that most of his peers in college football would love to have. At quarterback, he has to choose between two talented players, senior Tom Brady and sophomore Drew Henson. Brady led the team to a 10-3 record last season while completing 61.1 percent of his passes for 2,636 yards with 15 touchdowns and 12 interceptions. Henson, a highly touted high school quarterback, earned spot duty last season. Easy decision. It's got to be Brady, right? Maybe not. If Henson

## ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

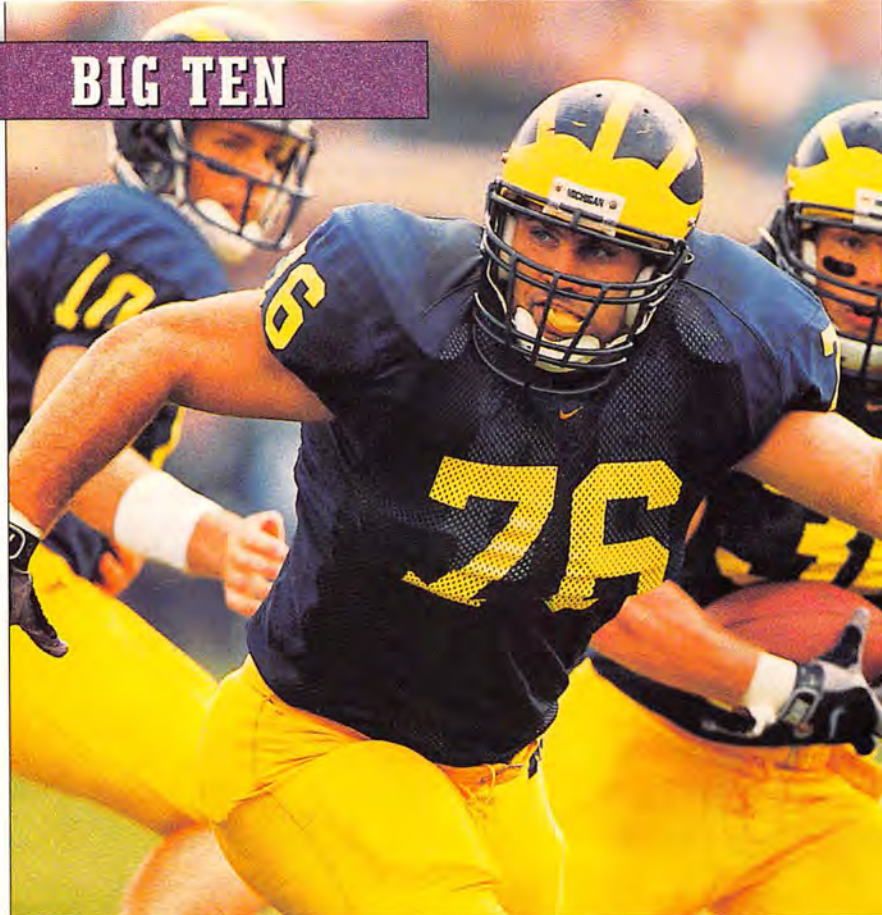
### OFFENSE

QB	Drew Brees	JR	Purdue
RB	Ron Dayne	SR	Wisconsin
RB	Michael Wiley	SR	Ohio State
WR	Gari Scott	SR	Michigan State
WR	Luke Levenson	SR	Minnesota
TE	Jay Tant	SR	Northwestern
OL	Casey Rabach	JR	Wisconsin
OL	Steve Hutchinson	JR	Michigan
OL	Rob Murphy	SR	Ohio State
OL	Jeff Backus	JR	Michigan
OL	Chris McIntosh	SR	Wisconsin
PK	Paul Edinger	SR	Michigan State

### DEFENSE

DL	Courtney Brown	SR	Penn State
DL	Robaire Smith	SR	Michigan State
DL	Adewale Ogunleye	SR	Indiana
DL	Rob Renes	SR	Michigan
LB	Brandon Short	SR	Penn State
LB	LaVar Arrington	JR	Penn State
LB	Na'il Diggs	JR	Ohio State
DB	Tyrone Carter	SR	Minnesota
DB	Aric Morris	SR	Michigan State
DB	Ahmed Plummer	SR	Ohio State
DB	David Macklin	SR	Penn State
PK	Kevin Stemke	JR	Wisconsin

# BIG TEN



**Steve Hutchinson, Michigan**

spends another year on Michigan's bench, he may be closer to accepting the millions the New York Yankees have waiting for him when he decides to give up on college football. Carr has not completely ruled out rotating the duo.

The Wolverines are without an experienced go-to receiver, with the departure of Tai Streets, but they have four players trying to fill such a role: seniors Marcus Knight and DiAllo Johnson along with sophomores David Terrell and Marquise Walker.

What Michigan may lack in its passing attack, it will make up for in its running game. Junior Anthony Thomas should put up big numbers with lots of carries as the featured running back. Four returning starting offensive linemen, led by guard Steve Hutchinson and tackle Jeff Backus, and fullback Aaron Shea will pave the way.

Eight starters return to an inconsistent defense which gave up an average of 35 points in losses to Ohio State, Syracuse and Notre Dame, but shut out Penn State and gave up just 10 points to Wisconsin. Michigan has a formidable linebacking corps in seniors James Hall, Dhani Jones and Ian Gold. Seniors Rob Renes and Josh Williams provide stability as interior defensive lineman. The secondary, which Carr is concerned about,

returns senior safety Tommy Hendricks, junior safety DeWayne Patmon and junior cornerback James Whitley, if off-the-field transgressions don't sideline him.

A difficult Big Ten schedule awaits the Wolverines with road games against Wisconsin, Penn State and Michigan State, plus a battle at home against Ohio State November 20.

## OHIO STATE

If Big Ten coaches believe in recent history, they will not overlook the Buckeyes this season. Sure, Ohio State will be without a host of talented players. That list of NFL draft picks includes quarterback Joe Germaine, receivers David Boston and Dee Miller, linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer and defensive backs Antoine Winfield and Damon Moore. But the NFL also claimed a host of players from the 1995 and '96 teams, only to watch Ohio State restock the talent supply and win 11 and 10 games in 1996 and '97, respectively. It's tough to argue with coach John Cooper when he claims "the cupboard isn't bare," as he is this year.

The offense won't have the passing attack it had last season, but it should be able to run effectively enough to make the late, great Woody Hayes smile. Sophomore running back Michael Wiley, who gained 1,235 yards last year, will see plenty of action carrying the ball behind

four returning starters led by two-time All-America guard Rob Murphy. At quarterback, sophomores Steve Bellisari and Austin Moherman will battle into September for the job of handing the ball to Wiley. Junior receivers Reggie Germany and Ken-Yon Rambo hope to take advantage of the opportunity to play after paying their dues on the bench behind Boston and Miller.

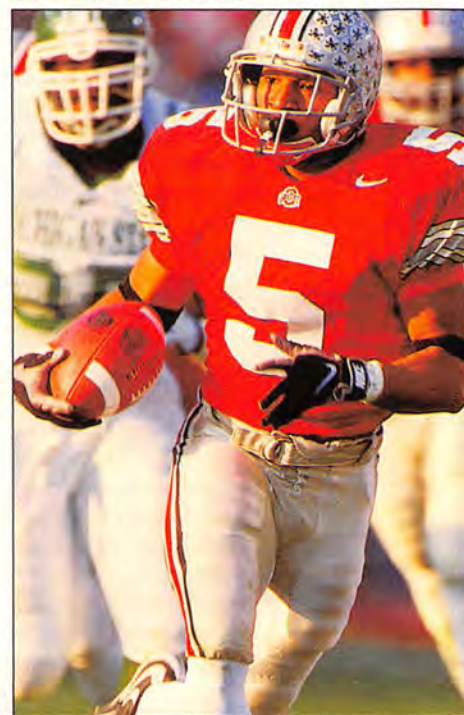
The defense stands on a solid foundation with four returning starters on the defensive line, led by defensive end Brent Johnson. Outside linebacker Na'il Diggs causes problems for offensive coordinators because he's next to impossible to block and can cover passes. Cornerback Ahmed Plummer and free safety Gary Berry, both seniors, will have to pick up the slack for the two inexperienced defensive backs that they're surrounded with.

Ohio State plays two of its most difficult Big Ten games on the road, Penn State and Michigan. If the Buckeyes are going to continue their success after mass departures, they'll have to win in newly renovated Ohio Stadium against Wisconsin and Purdue in early October.

## MICHIGAN STATE

Schizophrenic was the best way to describe the Spartans last season. They derailed Ohio State's national championship hopes on its home field with a 28-24 win and embarrassed Notre Dame on national television 45-23 in East

**Michael Wiley, Ohio State**





**Robaire Smith, Michigan State**

Lansing. But the same team let sizable leads and games slip away in losses to Colorado State, Minnesota and Purdue. MSU finished 6-6 and watched bowl games on television for the first time in coach Nick Saban's first four years. The Spartans blamed a lack of chemistry, which was caused by selfish players, for last year's struggles. But MSU fans are tired of excuses and they want results.

MSU has the second-best passing attack in the Big Ten behind Purdue, with senior quarterback Bill Burke throwing to receivers Gari Scott and junior Plaxico Burress. Burke completed 54.5 percent of his passes for 2,595 yards with 19 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Burress caught 65 passes, but dropped some key ones, while Scott made 58 receptions.

After watching running back Sedrick Irvin do it all for three years, the Spartans will have a running back-by-committee situation with senior Lloyd Clemons, junior Leroy McFadden and sophomores Shawn Foster and Little John Flowers. The offensive line will be the weak link of the team for the second straight year, but should be improved with four returning starters battling backups to keep their jobs.

The defense, with nine returning starters, has the talent to be really good, as it showed Ohio State last season in a memorable last-minute stand. Senior defensive end Robaire Smith will be a

nightmare for quarterbacks, especially if he gets pass-rushing help from senior Julian Peterson and sophomore Hubert "Boo Boo" Thompson. The linebacking corps is the strength of the team with six players rotating in three spots. The secondary is led by senior strong safety Aric Morris, who always seems to be where the football is.

MSU will have its home turf threatened by Michigan, Ohio State and Penn State.

## PURDUE

**I**n case you missed it, the Boilermakers have a legitimate football program. After going 12 years without a winning record, coach Joe Tiller's first two seasons on campus were marked with nine-win seasons and bowl victories, including last season's 37-34 win over No. 4 Kansas State in the Alamo Bowl.

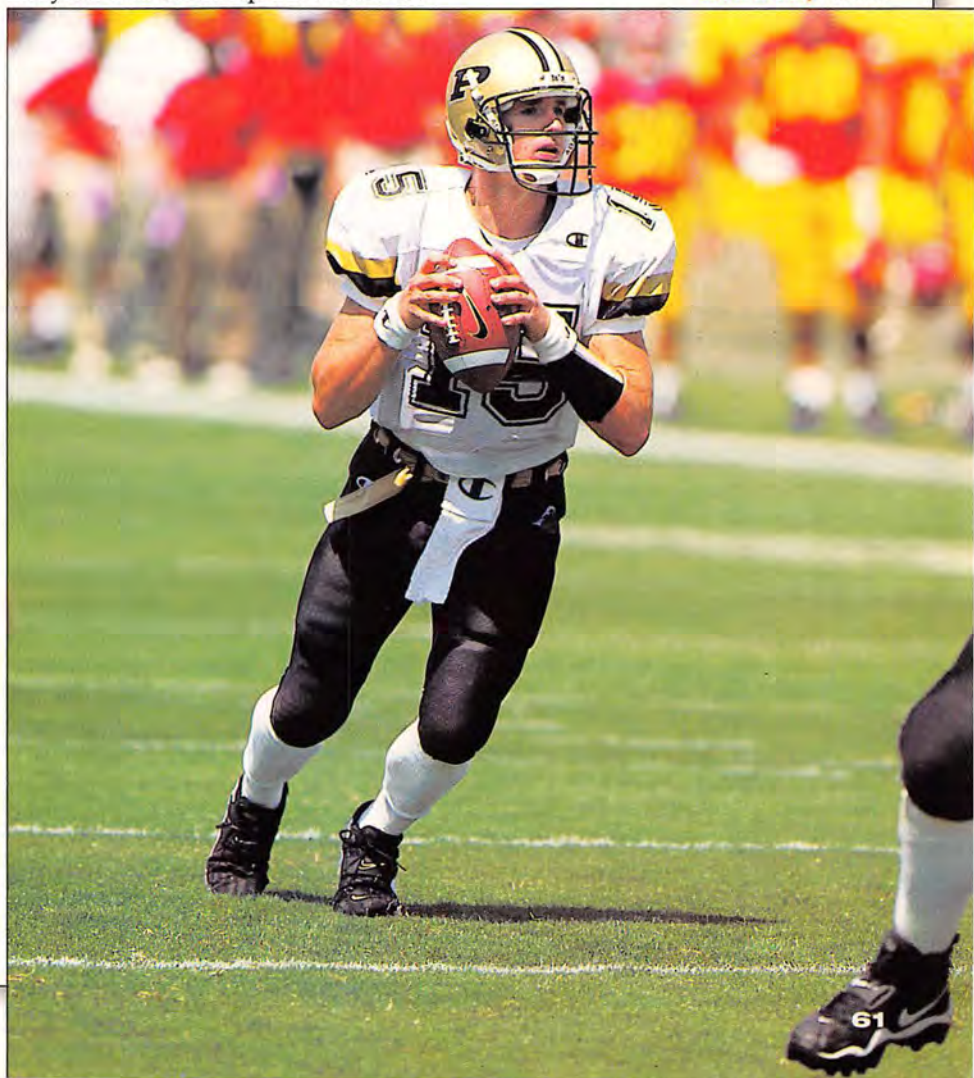
Purdue has a legitimate All-America candidate in quarterback Drew Brees, who posted gaudy numbers in a quick-striking, pass-happy attack. The junior broke Big Ten records by completing 361 of 569 passes (63.4 percent) for 3,983 yards with 39 touchdowns and 20 interceptions last year. Two of his top three receivers

are gone, but that fact is diluted because five players caught 30 or more passes (led by senior Randall Lane's 67) and eight others caught at least one pass. Tiller hopes to be able to run the ball more effectively with senior running back J. Crabbtree returning (after gaining a team-high 685 yards) and five starters on the offensive line back.

The middle of the defense is in dependable hands with senior linebacker Willie Fells returning after making a team-high 107 tackles. The front line is solid with defensive tackles senior David Nugent and sophomore Matt Mitrione, but it would be helped if junior defensive end Brian Dinkins or Akin Ayodele develop into pass-rushing threats. The secondary, with returning cornerbacks senior Da'Shann Austin and junior Chris Clopton along with senior strong safety Adrian Beasley, could be stingy if senior Michael Hawthorne recovers from back surgery.

It will not be easy for Purdue to post its third straight nine-win season. It didn't play Ohio State or Michigan the past two years, but will now travel to Ann Arbor and Columbus on October 2 and 9. The Boilermakers' hope for a successful

**Drew Brees, Purdue**





**Tyrone Carter, Minnesota**

season may hinge on the results of home games against Penn State (October 23) and Wisconsin (November 6).

## MINNESOTA

In just two seasons under coach Glen Mason the Gophers have gone from being an easy win opposing Big Ten programs could count on to one that has to be earned. After remarkably turning Kansas into a solid program during a nine-year coaching stint, Mason is well on his way to doing the same at Minnesota. The Gophers went 5-6 last season and were seventh in the conference, the best finish since 1990. But Mason knows to take the next step, to be bowl-eligible, will be no easy task, with opponents respecting the Gophers for a change.

Seven starters return on a defense that ranked fourth in the Big Ten against the run after finishing last in the conference just three years ago. The unit was sixth in total defense. Senior strong safety Tyrone Carter has quietly become one of the best defensive players in the nation. The tailback stalker was second in the Big Ten with 14.4 tackles a game and led the team with eight sacks, 15 tackles for losses and three fumble recoveries. Junior Sean Hoffman leads a solid linebacker corps with three returning starters.

Minnesota's offense wasn't much to brag about last year, but 11 starters from the group return with optimistic hopes. Senior quarterback Billy Cockerham should be able to hold off junior Andy Persby thanks to superior athletic gifts. The No. 1 passing target will be senior Luke Levenson, who made 60 receptions last year for 854 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior running back Thomas Hammer has led the Gophers in rushing the past three years, but needs to reach his first 1,000-yard season. He'll be pushed by highly touted freshman Thomas Tapeh, who averaged nearly nine yards per carry as a high school senior in St. Paul.

The Gophers can qualify for a bowl game this season, but they'll have to win on the road against fellow cellar-dwellers Northwestern, Illinois and Iowa and at home versus Indiana.

## INDIANA

Coach Cam Cameron insists that the swirling rumors, about Antwaan Randle El moving from quarterback to receiver, are not true. After all, why wouldn't he want one of the most exciting players in college football to have the ball in his hands as much as a quarterback does? Randle El was named the Big Ten's freshman of the year after leading the team in rushing with 79.4 yards a

game and completing 46.5 percent of his passes for 1,745 yards with six touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

Who Randle El will throw to this fall is the biggest question on campus next to the speculation of who the next ex-Hoosier basketball player will be. If Cameron's suspensions of junior receivers Tyrone Browning and Versie Gaddis continue, juniors O.J. Conner and Levron Williams will have to produce. Indiana doesn't have a No. 1 tailback, but will rotate carries between senior Frankie Franklin and junior Marcus Floyd. The question marks at receiver and running back should be helped with five returning starters on the offensive line.

Senior defensive end Adewale Ogunleye is a star. He is Indiana's career leader with 26.5 sacks and 53 tackles for losses. Senior defensive tackle Damian Gregory, who was also suspended during spring ball, made five sacks last year and could help Ogunleye if available. Senior linebacker Brad Gecina and sophomore Devin Schaffer will hope to make the loss of Jabar Robinson not too noticeable. All four starters return to a secondary that helped the Hoosiers rank third in the nation with 19 interceptions last year.

The Hoosiers will probably have to win their home games against Illinois and Northwestern and road games against Iowa and Minnesota if they hope to improve enough for a bowl game.

## ILLINOIS

The Fighting Illini went from a 19-game losing streak to winning three games last year in coach Ron Turner's second season in Champaign. Illinois doesn't have enough talent yet to make another three-game improvement and advance to a bowl game, but there are signs that it is on the path to regaining respect in the Big Ten.

Nine starters return on defense, led by linebacker Danny Clark. The senior has been an all-Big Ten honorable mention player for two years and was the team MVP last season. The outside linebacker made a team-high 115 tackles, including 10 for losses along with two interceptions and a team-high seven passes broken up. Junior inside backer Robert Franklin was second on the team with 86 tackles. End Rameel Connor leads the defensive line after making 10 tackles for losses last year. All four starting defensive backs return, led by senior Asim Pleas, who made three interceptions last year.

Two quarterbacks with experience return in senior Kirk Johnson and sophomore Kurt Kittner. Neither played great last season, which could open the door for redshirt freshman Walter Young to earn a spot in the QB shuffle. The running back situation has two experienced returnees in junior Steve Havard and sophomore Rocky Harvey, who gained 634 and 564 yards, respectively, last year. There isn't much big-play potential at receiver once again, but seniors Larry Davis and Michael Dean return with experience. The offensive line returns just two starters, which does not bode well for Turner's desire to throw the ball more this fall than Illinois has in the last two years.

The Illini's two toughest games are at home, Michigan and Ohio State. Non-conference foes Middle Tennessee, San Diego State and California should provide an opportunity to gain confidence before the bullies of the Big Ten beat it out of them again.

## IOWA

It will be strange not seeing Hayden Fry, with his tinted eyeglasses, manning the sidelines for the Hawkeyes anymore. But it was time for a change as Fry's results started to wane in the final years of his 20-year stint. First-year coach Kirk Ferentz, 43, left his position as the Baltimore Ravens' assistant head coach to accept the challenge of bringing Iowa football back. But it won't be easy for the former Fry assistant, who inherits a poor offense and decimated defense.

Iowa scored a touchdown or less six times last year. There isn't much hope for improvement after losing three offensive linemen and a blocking fullback. The Hawkeyes return three quarterbacks with starting experience in senior Randy Reiners, junior Scott Mullen and sophomore Kyle McCann. None has done enough to warrant the No. 1 job this fall, but somebody has to take the snaps.

Sophomore Ladell Betts, who ran for a team-high 679 yards last year, will try to stay healthy behind an inexperienced offensive line and against defenses that will not respect Iowa's passing game. Senior Bashir Yamini, sophomore Kahlil Hill and juniors Ryan Barton and Kevin Kasper combined for 96 receptions last year.

Just six players return to a defense that was decent last year, considering the offense kept it on the field virtually all game. Defensive tackle Jared DeVries and linebacker Matt Hughes will not easily be replaced. Senior Matt Bowen, who made

a team-high 92 tackles last year, will have to make up for a lot of mistakes in front of him with more than 100 tackles. Senior cornerback Tarig Holman, who made three interceptions and broke up a team-high 10 passes, can be counted on.

If the Hawkeyes physically survive the season-opener against Nebraska (September 4) at home, they should be able to win the following two weeks at Iowa State and Northern Illinois at home before possibly going winless in the Big Ten.

## NORTHWESTERN

Gary Barnett finally took one of those other jobs. After shocking the college football world by leading the Wildcats to back-to-back Big Ten titles and turning down several suitors the past few years, Barnett left Evanston to coach at Colorado. Now it's coach Randy Walker's turn to take Northwestern from the bottom of the conference, where it finished 0-8 last year, back to respectability.

Walker is the winningest head coach (59-35-5) in the history of Miami of Ohio, widely regarded as the "Cradle of Coaches" after producing coaches such as Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembechler. Unfortunately for Wildcat fans, none of those legendary coaches could've done much with this year's

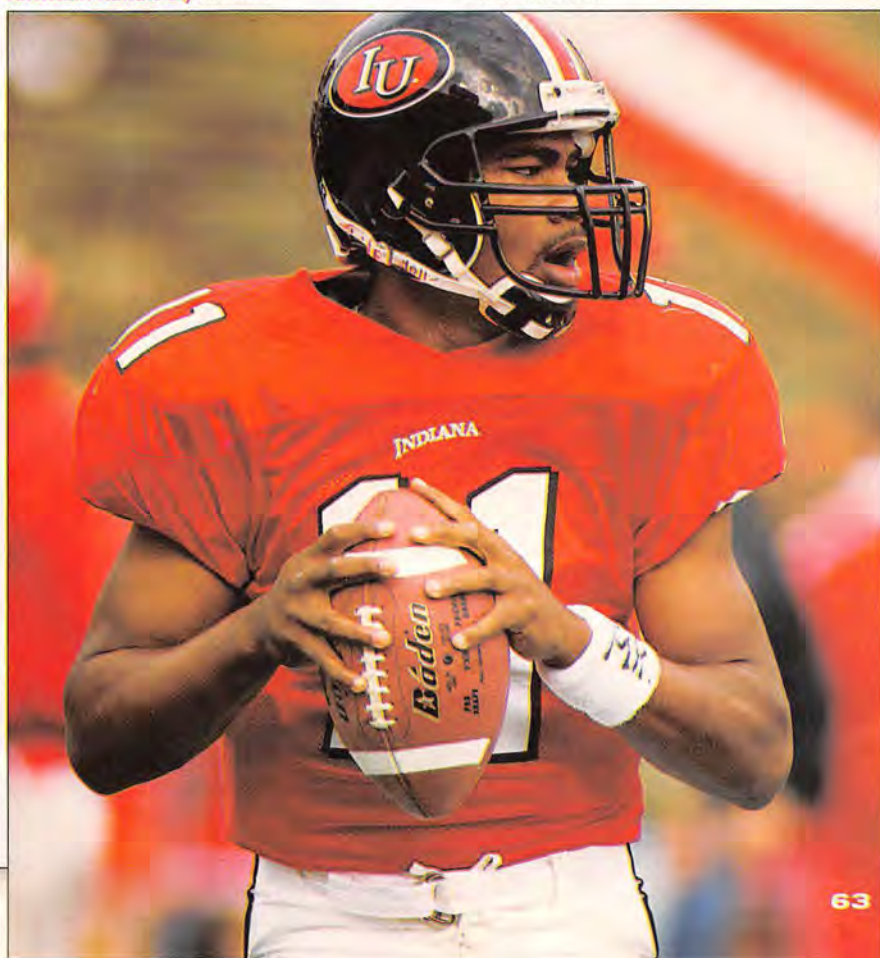
Northwestern team. Two of the best players in Northwestern history, receiver D'Wayne Bates and linebacker Barry Gardner, are ex-Wildcats along with seven other starters.

Junior quarterback Gavin Hoffman is back after completing 54.5 percent of his passes for 2,199 yards with 13 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. Hoffman's favorite target will be senior tight end Jay Tant, who made 30 receptions for 327 yards and two touchdowns last year. Junior running back Damien Anderson, who ran for 296 yards, might find some room to run behind four returning starters on the line.

The strength of the team will be its defensive line, which returns four starters. Senior defensive tackle Jeff Dyra and defensive end Dwayne Missouri combined for seven sacks and 14 tackles for losses last season. Senior Conrad Emmerich will lead the linebacking corps. Two defensive backs return in senior cornerback Harold Blackmon and junior strong safety Mycal Jones.

The Wildcats better take advantage of their easy non-conference schedule (Miami of Ohio, TCU, Duke) because they will not have fun in the Big Ten. They will probably be battling Iowa to stay out of last place and avoid going winless in the league. Mark your calendar for that epic matchup (October 16) in Evanston.

**Antwaan Randle El, Indiana**



# BIG 12

## Colorado, A&M have what it takes to get to Big 12 title game.

BY TOM SHATEL  
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

**B**etter great than never. After struggling to find an identity for three seasons, the megamerger known as the Big 12 can begin to see an image taking shape in the mirror. It looks like a superpower. Last year the league had seven bowl teams, brought home the Heisman, Lombardi and O'Brien trophies and had a national championship contender (Kansas State) until someone else (Texas A&M) in the darn league knocked them off. Don't look now, but the Big 12 is just getting started.

Texas and Texas A&M both had recruiting classes ranked in the top five. Sleeping giants Oklahoma and Colorado hired coaches who should wake them up. Good gosh, you might not even be able to count Baylor as that automatic "W" anymore, now that former Nebraska assistant Kevin Steele is on the scene.

The X factor this season is new Colorado coach Gary Barnett, who inherits 18 starters and loads of talent and a schedule without Texas or A&M. Can Barnett, the miracle man of Northwestern, make his slogan "Return to Dominance" come true? Does Nebraska return to dominance with the healthy return of quarterback Bobby Newcombe and I-back DeAngelo Evans or do the Huskers have problems deeper than that? Can Kansas State shake off a numbing, self-destructive collapse at the end of last season? The North race could go three different ways. Give CU the edge with its softer schedule.

The South figures to be a two-way battle between Texas, which must replace Heisman winner Ricky Williams and four offensive linemen, and A&M, which returns 18 starters and the momentum off its Big 12 title upset. But don't count out Oklahoma State or Texas Tech, which has the next Ricky Williams.

Don't expect a national champion out of this league, not this year. The talent is too young, the league too balanced. The champion might have two, three losses. There will be wars each Saturday as the Big 12 grows up in a hurry. It should be fun to watch.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Ricky Williams,  
RB, Texas Tech

#### DEFENSE:

Darren Howard,  
DE, Kansas State

#### NEWCOMER:

Josh Heupel,  
QB, Oklahoma

### GAMES TO WATCH

Colorado at Washington,  
September 25

Kansas State at Texas,  
October 2

Texas A&M at Nebraska,  
November 6

### NORTH DIVISION

#### COLORADO

**T**he Buffs haven't beaten Nebraska since 1990 and have lost two straight years to Kansas State and Missouri. Yet many see Colorado as a legitimate favorite to win the North division. The reason: Gary Barnett.

The former offensive coordinator under Bill McCartney at CU has the rest of the league worried; he knows how to beat Nebraska. The Buffs never lacked for talent under former coach Rick Neuheisel, but discipline and time outs were another story. Barnett wasted no time energizing Boulder last spring with his talk of physical football and a "return to dominance."

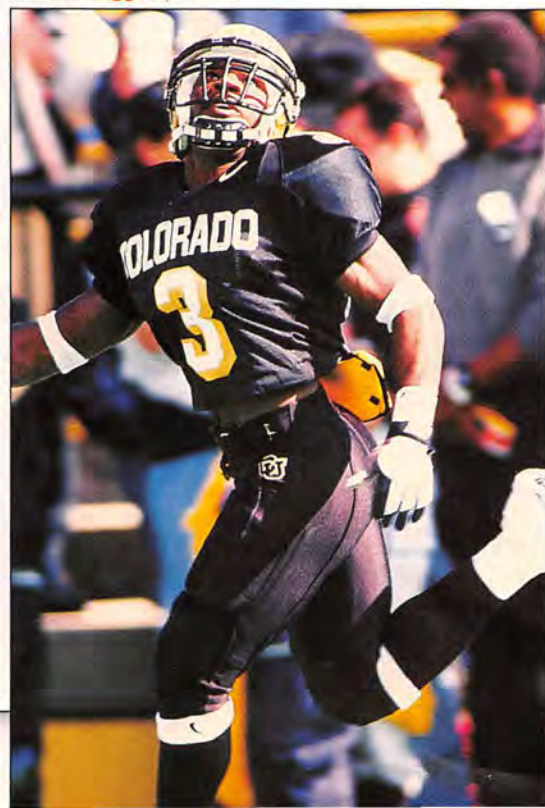
Barnett will have to wait for power football. The Buffs have a solid line, with four returning starters, led by senior tackle Ryan Johanningmeier and senior guard Brad Bedell. CU doesn't have a star in the backfield, but then again, the running game wasn't emphasized under Neuheisel. Senior Dwayne Cherrington, junior Damion Barton and sophomore Cortlen Johnson all had good springs and Barnett hinted he might run by committee.

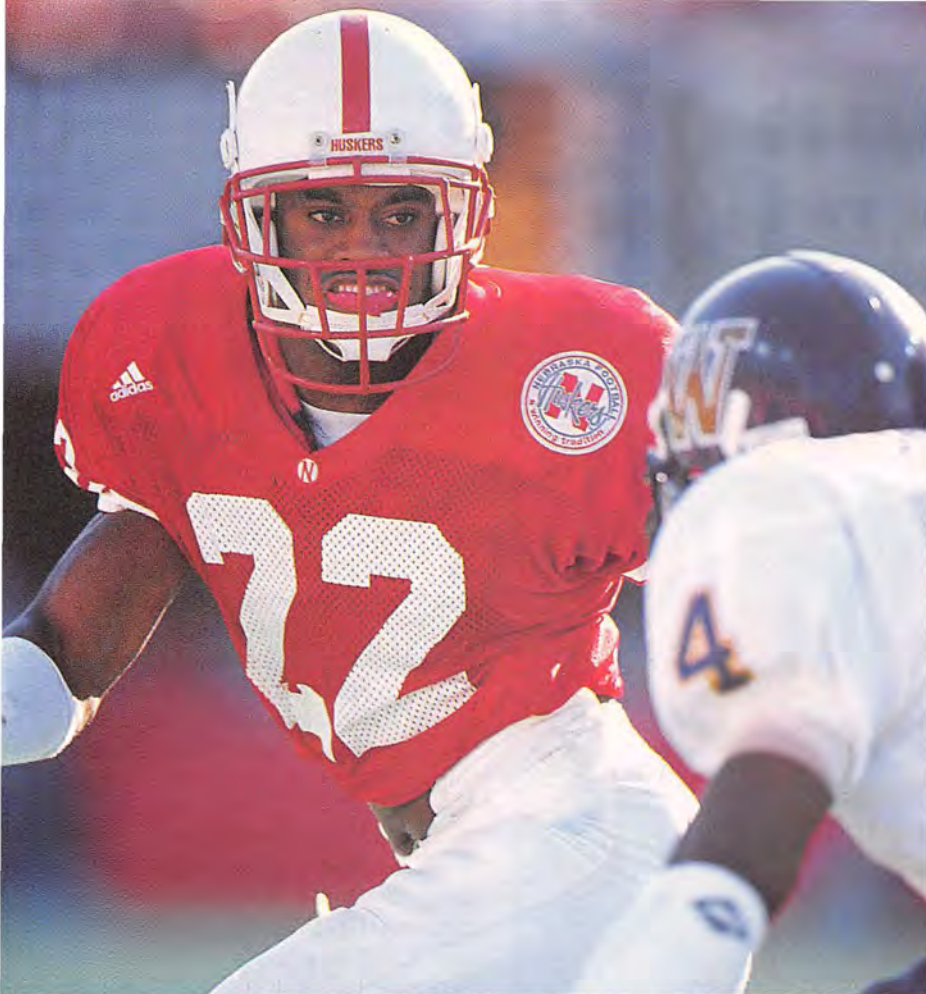
The best run for CU might be a pass, a short, quick pass to any number of dangerous receivers. Barnett has installed a West Coast offense with emphasis on ball-control passing. That should better fit the style of 6-foot quarterback Mike Moschetti, who got killed last year (38 sacks and four injuries) in the drop-back offense. Moschetti could blossom while rolling out and throwing to senior Marcus Stiggers (20 catches, 323 yards, three touchdowns) or sophomore Javon Green (41 for 543, five touchdowns) or tight end Tom Ashworth.

Colorado returns six starters from a defense that ranked fifth in the league, including senior tackle Jesse Warren, senior end Fred Jones and junior inside linebacker Ty Gregorak. But the ones who will make opposing coordinators work overtime are Ben Kelly and Damen Wheeler, a pair of All-America candidates at corner. Kelly, a junior, is CU's version of Charles Woodson. Last year he intercepted four passes and returned punts (two for touchdowns) and kicks. Barnett is trying him out at receiver, too.

The schedule is Colorado's best friend; Mizzou and Nebraska are at home, the Buffs play the lower-tier teams in the South and, of course, don't for-

Marcus Stiggers, Colorado





**Ralph Brown, Nebraska**

get that grudge match against Neuheisel and Washington in Seattle on September 25. If the Buffs can win there, and Barnett can get this team to reach its potential, that return to dominance might come sooner than anybody thinks.

## NEBRASKA

**W**as that a fluke easily dismissed? Or a trend? Nebraska fans were asking themselves those questions after a hand-wringing 9-4 season in 1998 in which the Huskers lost three conference games, lost a conference game at home and lost to Kansas State. After winning three national championships in four years, Nebraska ended a season by losing to Arizona in the Holiday Bowl.

Poor Frank Solich. The first-year head coach had it rough enough trying to replace Tom Osborne. But he had to do it with nine starters missing 45 regular-season games due to injuries. The Huskers' MVP was trainer Doak Ostergard.

The hardest-hit spots were in the backfield, where electrifying sophomore quarterback Bobby Newcombe suffered a torn ligament in his left knee in the

opener and finally gave way in midseason to freshman Eric Crouch. Then there was the merry-go-round at I-back, where the top two rushers, DeAngelo Evans (bruised tailbone) and Dan Alexander (knee), combined for only five starts. Throw in a young offensive line that was less than dominant, and you have a Husker team whose 254-yards-per-game rushing average was the school's lowest since it ran a pass-oriented offense in 1976.

Things are looking up in Lincolnland, however. Newcombe, who had reconstructive knee surgery last December, figures to be healthy in August in time for a battle with Crouch, a poised option-maker who showed great potential.

Would Solich consider alternating?

Meanwhile, both Evans, a shifty junior, and Alexander, a bruising 245-pound straight-ahead runner, also are expected back. The line, which returns four starters, led by sophomore guard Russ Hochstein, rededicated itself in the weight room. The best news of the spring was when senior wingback Shevin Wiggins, one of the team's top playmakers, was granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA.

The defense, which returns 10 players with starting experience, is young and hungry. Sophomore Kyle Vanden Bosch looks ready to continue the Huskers' excellence at rush end. Senior linebackers Tony Ortiz and Eric Johnson figure to step up and all four starters return in the Big 12's best secondary, led by the Browns, senior strong safety Mike and senior corner Ralph. They're not related. But they are both All-America candidates.

The schedule is the most brutal road Nebraska has seen in over a decade: three potential bowl teams in Iowa, Southern Mississippi and California, then a league slate that includes trips to Texas, Missouri and Colorado and home games against Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Kansas State. If the Huskers get Newcombe and Evans back and an improved offensive line, they can return to the top. Nebraska fans don't want to consider the alternative.

## KANSAS STATE

**T**hey lost Heisman runnerup Michael Bishop. They lost 12 starters. They lost three assistants, including the defensive coordinator. Lord knows they probably lost their minds after they let a shot at a national championship in the Fiesta Bowl slip away in the Big 12 championship game.

But don't write off Kansas State as a one-year wonder. Not yet.

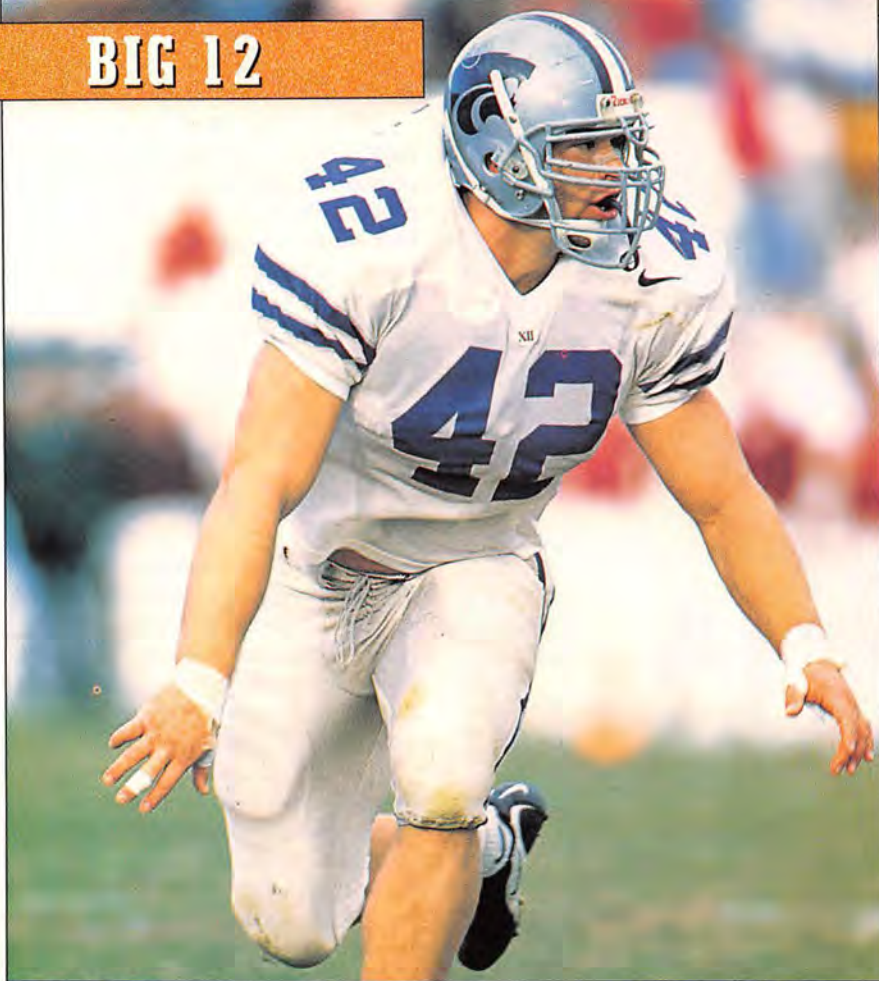
## ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

### OFFENSE

QB	Major Applewhite	SO	Texas
RB	Ricky Williams	JR	Texas Tech
RB	Dante Hall	SR	Texas A&M
WR	Kwame Cavil	JR	Texas
WR	Aaron Lockett	SO	Kansas State
OL	Rob Riti	SR	Missouri
OL	Curtis Lowery	SR	Texas Tech
OL	Adam Davis	SR	Oklahoma State
OL	Ryan Johanningmeier	SR	Colorado
OL	Russ Hochstein	SO	Nebraska
TE	Marcellus Rivers	SO	Oklahoma State
K	Jeremy Aldrich	SR	Colorado

### DEFENSE

DL	Justin Smith	SO	Missouri
DL	Darren Howard	SR	Kansas State
DL	Kris Kocurek	JR	Texas Tech
DL	Ryan Humphrey	SR	Texas
LB	Mark Simoneau	SR	Kansas State
LB	Kenyatta Wright	SR	Oklahoma State
LB	Eric Johnson	SR	Nebraska
DB	Ben Kelly	JR	Colorado
DB	Mike Brown	SR	Nebraska
DB	Jarrod Cooper	JR	Kansas State
DB	Ralph Brown	SR	Nebraska
P	Shane Lechler	SR	Texas A&M



**Mark Simoneau, Kansas State**

Last winter may have been a time of soul-searching for Bill Snyder and company. But there are still plenty of souls around who can play some football, most notably David Allen, the flashy junior return specialist who looks to start at tailback this season. Allen, who won the job over juco bust Frank Murphy, occasionally raised the ire of Snyder last fall with his fumbles. But the silky-smooth Allen is too good to wait. He averaged 5.1 yards per carry last year and led KSU with 83 yards in the Alamo Bowl.

Allen is the only certainty in an offense filled with question marks. K-State fans' only solace is that Snyder knows how to develop a quarterback—or his offense around one. Sure, the drop-off from Bishop's fiery playmaking may be severe at first, but Jonathan Beasley, a JC transfer who redshirted in 1998, is no slouch. Beasley saw action off the bench in both 1996 and 1997, including a 33-yard touchdown run to beat Texas Tech two years ago.

The problem is they will all be learning together. K-State's line, with only center Randall Cummins and tackle Milford Stephenson returning, must be rebuilt. Sophomore Aaron Lockett, who

set a school freshman mark with 928 yards in receptions, is the only experienced receiver returning.

Kansas State lost two-thirds of the nation's best linebacking corps, but the one-third returning, senior Mark Simoneau, may be the best in the Big 12. New coordinator Phil Bennett will also have an All-America-type at defensive end in Darren Howard, who led the Big 12 in sacks (10.5) last year. Then there's the strength of the team, the secondary, which has all four starters back, including all-Big 12 safeties Lamar Chapman and Jarrod Cooper. Defense should not be a problem at K-State.

The schedule won't be, either, as usual. K-State's "Cupcake Alley" consists of Temple, UTEP and Utah State, all at home. That should enable them to build some depth and confidence before hitting the road to Texas (October 2) and later at Oklahoma State (October 23) and Nebraska (November 13). Nobody will expect K-State to go through unscathed. It makes the Wildcats all the more dangerous.

## MISSOURI

**I**s there life at Mizzou after Corby Jones? To be sure, the Tigers will miss their main-man quarterback, but

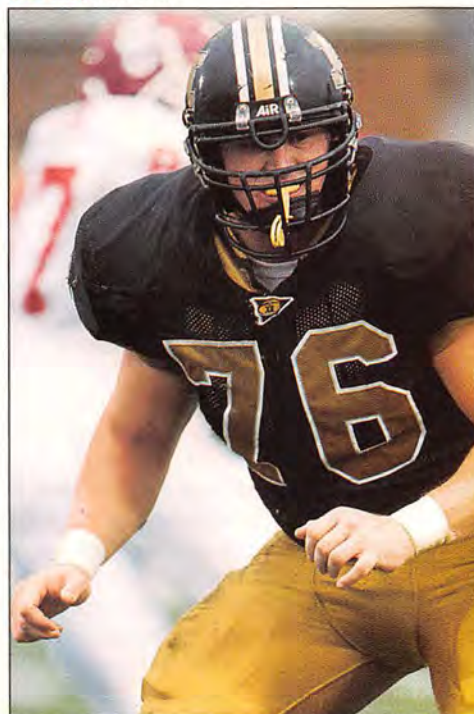
coach Larry Smith has built a solid structure in Columbia. The Tigers aren't about to fall off the face of the Big 12.

Finding a quarterback, however, is priority one this fall. The leader in the clubhouse this spring was Jim Dougherty, a 6-4, 190-pound sophomore who was Jones' backup last year. His highlight was a 17-yard pass completion against Bowling Green. Dougherty will be pushed by redshirt freshman Kirk Farmer, who, at 6-5, 216 pounds, may be the best athlete on the squad and looks like a star for the future. In fact, Smith called Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, Florida's Steve Spurrier and Arizona's Dick Tomey for advice on how to use a two-quarterback rotation.

The rest of the offense is just as unsettled. The Tigers return receiving vets in senior Kent Layman and speedy junior John Dausman, but under Smith the Tigers have been run-first. The leading candidate to replace Devin West, who rushed for a school-record 1,578 yards, is senior DeV Vaughn Black (115 yards as West's backup). Black will be pushed by junior Zain Gilmore. Mizzou also must replace four starters in the line, but it will help that the one returnee, senior center Rob Riti (6-3, 289), is a candidate for All-America.

Mizzou touts its defensive front seven as the best in the Big 12, and it's hard to argue with league defensive freshman of the year Justin Smith (6-5, 256) at defensive end and big Jeff Marriotti (6-5, 300) at nose tackle. Senior linebacker Barry

**Rob Riti, Missouri**





**Zac Wegner, Kansas**

Odom, senior Carlos Posey and junior safety Julian Jones (Insight.com Bowl MVP) round out a returning defense that will be one of the Big 12's best—and give Smith's offense plenty of time to develop.

The Tigers downsized in schedule this year. No more Ohio States. Now it's Alabama-Birmingham, Western Michigan and Memphis. Then again, this is a rebuilding year in Columbia. The Tigers probably can't break into the top three in the north, but a third consecutive bowl trip is the expectation. Even without Corby.

## KANSAS

Last fall, after Texas A&M beat Kansas in the final minutes, Jayhawk coach Terry Allen was at a booster gathering. Many of the Jayhawkers were smiling, happy to play A&M close. Allen was frustrated.

The third-year KU coach doesn't just want to be basketball's bobo in Lawrence. He wants to win in football. He won't back down. Allen agreed to open the 1999 season at Notre Dame in the Eddie Robinson Classic. He wants to win badly. But this might not be the year that happens.

KU returns 15 starters from a team that finished 4-7 and arguably dead last in the Big 12 since the Jayhawks, 1-7, lost to both Iowa State and Baylor (also 1-7). But did they improve this offseason? It's hard to tell.

Senior quarterback Zac Wegner, who suffered concussions in back-to-back weeks last fall, was cleared to play this spring but was brought along slowly. Wegner, who ranks 10th in KU history in passing yards but struggles in decision-making and accuracy, will be pushed by juco transfer Dylon Smith in the fall.

Allen, who is known for his multiple, wide-open offenses, might be able to start having some fun if Wegner steps up. KU has a trio of standout receivers in sophomore Harrison Hill, junior Termaine Fulton and senior Michael Chandler. The line returns three starters and junior running back David Winbush, who rushed for 268 yards and three touchdowns in a 33-17 win over Colorado, is a threat along with senior Mitch Bowles.

Defensively, Allen must find a way to plug holes in a leaky ship that finished last in the nation in rushing defense in 1998. Only five starters return, and maybe that's the good news. Two newcomers, defensive end Chaz Murphy, a 6-4, 250-pound transfer from Garden City (Kansas) JC and linebacker Darian Lomax, a 6-2, 235-pound sophomore who was ineligible last season, made big impressions in the spring.

## IOWA STATE

Improvement has come slow, but it's there, under Dan McCarney. Iowa State beat in-state rival Iowa last year

in Iowa City, which alone may have saved McCarney's job. This year McCarney returns the most experience and talent in his Cyclone tenure. Will it make a difference?

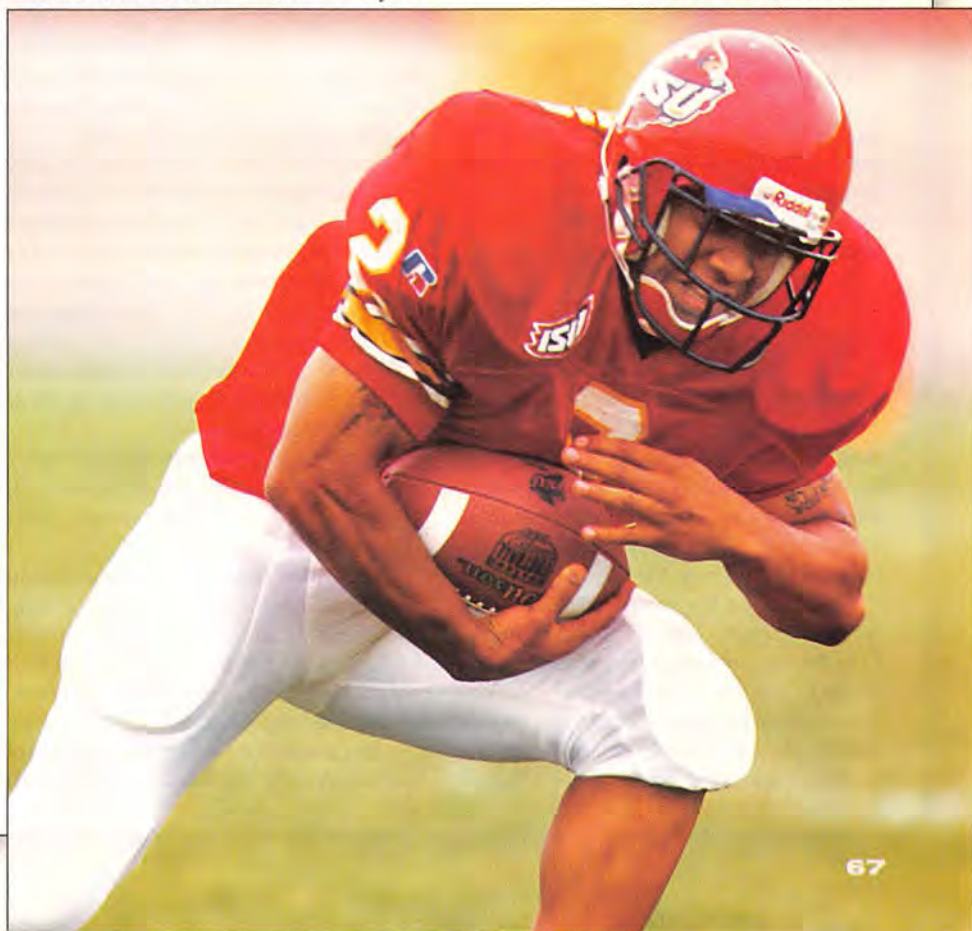
Iowa State should be able to run the ball. Darren Davis returns for his senior year, looking to be the first back in ISU history to rush for 1,000 yards in three straight seasons. Davis will have help; all five starting linemen return. So does 6-7, 277-pound tight end Andy Stensrud.

But McCarney will have to enter this crucial season without an experienced quarterback. Transfer Derrick Walker (Blinn, Texas) and junior Sage Rosenfels traded snaps this spring and the race is too close to call. McCarney also is changing offenses, going to more of an option after the pass-happy Todd Bandhauer era. Quarterback might be the most important choice of his ISU career.

There is improvement on defense, if you count the fact that Iowa State allowed 15 fewer points per game (29.8) than the previous year and had a school-record 33 sacks. Junior tackle James Reed, junior end Reggie Hayward and senior outside linebacker Jesse Beckom give Iowa State its most formidable front seven of the decade.

McCarney likely will need to win more than three games (the most he's ever won in four seasons) to convince

**Darren Davis, Iowa State**





Dante Hall, Texas A&M

folks to keep him around. Can he do it? Iowa State's first team beat the second team 28-27 in the spring game, though the second team had a 17-0 head start. Iowa State won't be so lucky next year.

## SOUTH DIVISION

### TEXAS A&M

**S**omebody please give Texas A&M credit. Everybody loves Texas. Everybody thinks Texas and Mack Brown are going to get all the recruits, kiss all the girls, win all the games and dominate the Big 12 forever. Don't they remember who won the Big 12 last year?

Maybe it's because of the way the Aggies "upset" Kansas State, coming from behind, winning in two overtimes in the title game in St. Louis. But while Texas reloads, please consider: Texas A&M returns 16 starters and both its punter and kicker from last year's Sugar

Bowl team. Without question, the Aggies should be favored to be in San Antonio for the title game again this year.

It's just too easy to look at who they lose: Lombardi winner Dat Nguyen at linebacker, the left side of their offensive line, two tight ends, outside linebacker Warrick Holdman and Sirr Parker, who just scored again in the TWA Dome to beat Kansas State.

It's more important to remember that the Aggies are as stacked as a pile of wood on a bonfire.

Randy McCown, who split the quarterback duty with Brandon Stewart last year, returns for his senior year entrenched as the starter.

McCown ended up ranking fifth in the Big 12 in pass efficiency, completing 50 percent of his passes (66 of 130) for 1,025 yards with six touchdowns and only three interceptions. He should blossom in the job by himself.

Even without Parker, the Aggies are loaded at running back, starting with

returning starters Dante Hall (1,024 yards) and Ja'Mar Toombs. The backups are fifth-year seniors Eric Bernard, who suffered a knee injury last year, and D'Andre Hardeman, who was ineligible last year but was granted an extra year of eligibility. Both could start anywhere else in the league. The offensive line loses left guard Cameron Spikes and tackle Rex Tucker, both of whom were NFL draft picks, but senior guard Semisi Heimuli (6-2, 303), center Seth McKinney (6-3, 293) and right tackle Andy Vincent (6-3, 301) return to stabilize the line.

The tight end spot will be raw, with junior RoDerrick Broughton expected to start, but both starting receivers—Leroy Hodge and Chris Cole—return.

Don't worry about the "Wrecking Crew." Eight starters return on defense, including the entire defensive line and three of the four members of the secondary. Also back are senior corners Jason Webster and Sedrick Curry. All eyes will be on junior Chad Frantzen, sophomore Amon Simon and redshirt freshman Cornelius Anthony, who figure to all try and replace Nguyen at inside linebacker. There's plenty of young talent here; how fast it grows up will be how dominant A&M can become. But don't forget Shane Lechler, an All-America candidate at punter, because sometimes the best defense is field position.

One interesting twist: a candidate at free safety is Jeremy Weisinger, the former Colorado quarterback. A Weisinger-Colorado reunion at the Big 12 title game in San Antonio? The Aggies plan to be there. The future may be Texas, but the present still looks maroon.

## TEXAS

**T**he future, indeed, looks bright at Texas. Coach Mack Brown just signed the No. 1 recruiting class in the nation. But not all can play this year. Thus, the present is full of question marks.

The biggest, of course, is how in the world to replace Heisman Trophy winner and NCAA all-time rushing leader Ricky Williams? You don't. But the Longhorns aren't quite as loaded with replacements as you might think. Junior Hodges Mitchell will get the first shot, but most of the betting money in Austin is on Victor Ike, a 5-11, 203-pound redshirt freshman who is more explosive and bigger than Mitchell. And Ike apparently eased his coaches' doubts this spring about his ability to get tough yards.

Who's going to block? Four starters

are gone from the offensive line that opened Heisman-sized holes, leaving only senior left guard Roger Roesler. Promising backups, led by sophomore Antwan Kirk-Hughes, will fill the gaps.

Who replaces Wane McGarity's school records at receiver? Start with Kwame Cavil. Senior Ryan Nunez, a former running back, and redshirt freshman Montrell Flowers, who caught a 35-yard touchdown pass in the Orange-White spring game, also will be called upon to contribute.

Can the Longhorn defense, which allowed 100 points in three November games last season, tighten up? Texas' defensive line, led by senior All-America candidate Aaron Humphrey (10 sacks last season) and Cedric Woodard, who moves from tackle to end, should provide ample pressure. It will have to. Texas' corners struggled this spring and there is the thought that speedy true freshmen could jump in if their struggles continue.

Finally, can sophomore quarterback Major Applewhite continue his magic—while looking over his shoulder? Applewhite was thrown into the fray early in 1998, got hammered at Kansas State and regrouped nicely. He won at Nebraska, finished second to Michael Bishop in the Big 12 in pass efficiency and won league offensive freshman-of-the-year honors. But just when he thought he was safe, prep All-America Chris Simms committed to Texas, sending the fans into a tizzy and Applewhite into insecurity. It didn't help that Simms attended the UT spring game and reportedly signed as many autographs as Applewhite. Will this be a Major problem for Texas?

The schedule won't be. The 'Horns open with North Carolina State at home in the Black Coaches' Classic, play Stanford, Rice and Rutgers and get both K-State and Nebraska in Austin. By the time they go to Texas A&M the day after Thanksgiving, many of those questions could be answered.

## OKLAHOMA STATE

**T**he Cowboys finished 5-6 last season, but they easily, very easily, could have been 8-3 with victories over Nebraska and Texas to add to their bowl resume. Instead, the Pokes lost to Nebraska, Texas and Texas Tech by a touchdown or less, including two heartbreakers on the last play of the game.

If coach Bob Simmons' troops learned anything from the heartache, watch out. The Cowboys have the expe-

rience and the talent to make a run in the Big 12 South.

Quarterback Tony Lindsey—is he really just a junior?—comes back for his third year and may be the most underrated player in the Big 12. After a big-splash freshman season, Lindsey struggled somewhat last year, completing less than half of his passes. But he had a terrific spring and, if he plays within his abilities more, could be the most dangerous quarterback in the Big 12.

The rest of the offense is set. Nathan Simmons, who sat out the spring with a knee injury, is back at running back after a fine 937-yard season; he'll be pushed by redshirt freshman Reggie White. The Pokes suffered big losses at receiver and offensive line, but Terrence Richardson (25 catches, 337 yards) and Ethan Howell (11 catches, three touchdowns) should pick up the slack. Up front, four redshirt freshmen made for a pleasant surprise in the spring. Keep an eye, too, on tight end Marcellus Rivers, an Alonzo Mayes-type.

Defensively, the Cowboys must rebuild around senior linebacker Kenyatta Wright, one of the best in the league. Two top starters are gone from

the secondary, but watch out for Chris Massey. All eyes will be on the 6-foot, 185-pound freshman, the state of Oklahoma's most-heralded recruit and the crown jewel of what is being called one of the best classes OSU has ever signed. Massey, who is listed simply as "athlete" on the depth charts, could play anywhere, but with Lindsey solidified at quarterback, look for him to play defensive back and return kicks.

## TEXAS TECH

**T**he Red Raiders are one of the most intriguing teams in the Big 12. They return 15 starters from a team that quietly went 7-5 and got the league's seventh bowl bid (Independence Bowl). They return perhaps the best offensive player in the league in I-back (the other) Ricky Williams. They return six starters from the third-ranked defensive unit in the league. So why isn't anyone picking Tech to win the South?

Maybe it was that 35-18 spanking by Mississippi in the bowl game, one that is still giving coach Spike Dykes heat from the locals in Lubbock. Or maybe it's the fact that injuries turned Tech's spring into a touch-football fest.

*Major Applewhite, Texas*



Whatever you do, don't take these guys lightly. Not with this offense. Williams, the nation's No. 4 rusher (1,582 yards, 13 touchdowns) last year, might be the best returning back in the country. He's surrounded by quarterback Rob Peters (the Big 12's sixth-rated quarterback in 1998) and a veteran line that average 319 pounds a man, led by all-Big 12 guard Curtis Lowery (6-5, 327).

But look at the reinforcements coming this fall. Sammy Morris, a 220-pound senior fullback who looked like a future star in 1996, is back after missing the last

**Ricky Williams, Texas Tech**



two-and-a-half seasons with eligibility problems. Throw in blue-chip tailback recruit Shaud Williams and one wonders: Will anyone stop the Red Raiders from running wherever they want this season? Donnie Hart, the team's leading receiver, must be replaced. Then again, maybe the Raiders won't have to throw so much.

One reason the Raiders aren't high on everyone's South Division list: the defense has too many questions. Namely, who will replace All-America end Montae Reagor? Junior Kris Kocurek (6-5, 290), a third-team all-Big 12 tackle, and senior end Taurus Rucker will have to pick up the slack. Dykes and his staff are salivating over newcomers Terrance Colquitt, a redshirt freshman defensive end, and Rusty Bucy, a redshirt freshman middle linebacker who has been compared to former Tech great Zach Thomas.

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**I**t looked like old home week at the Oklahoma spring game, with former coach Barry Switzer and all the old legends back to christen the new Barry Switzer Center. It was only fitting. Sooner fans everywhere think the old days are coming back.

The reason is new coach Bob Stoops, the defensive coordinator at Florida and one of the hot names in coaching. Stoops might bring the Sooners back to their glory years, but it might look a lot more like Florida. Stoops has brought everything from Steve Spurrier Jr. (the new receivers coach) to a wide-open multiple passing scheme to a white Spurrier-style visor he'll wear. But will the Sooners cause him to throw it this season?

Oklahoma? Chucking the ball up 30, 40 times a game? In those tough Oklahoma winds? That's the Stoops plan. The trigger man is Josh Heupel, a 6-2, 210-pound quarterback from Snow (Utah) Junior College who alternated halves at Snow and still completed 60 percent of his passes for 2,308 yards and 28 touchdowns—with only five interceptions in 258 attempts. Senior receiver Jarraill Jackson (12 catches for 218 yards), a dangerous punt returner, will benefit. Jackson will line up next to new faces; former defensive back Andre Woolfork and former option quarterback Brandon Daniels have been moved. The two combined for nine catches and 88 yards in the spring game.

You still have to run the ball to win in the Big 12, though, and a replacement must be found for De'Mond Parker, who left for the NFL. Senior Michael Thornton

had the early edge at tailback but watch for freshman Jamar Mozee, who has 4.3 speed in the 40, to emerge. The line returns four starters, led by guard Matt O'Neal.

With Stoops, you know the defense will be solid. He inherits eight starters back from a group that finished second in the Big 12, behind K-State. Junior Corey Callens, who is moving from end to tackle, should pick up the slack with Kelly Gregg gone. Watch for Ontei Jones, who finished tied for third in the league with 117 tackles, to have a big year, switching from linebacker to strong safety.

The Sooners will go a long way on the excitement surrounding Stoops and a start with Indiana State, Baylor and Louisville won't hurt. If nothing else, the Sooners figure to finally be lined up in the right spots and erase the brainless mistakes of the past.

## BAYLOR

**T**he two big names at Baylor this year are Kevin Steele and Tommie Frazier. Steele is the former Nebraska assistant who is in his first head coaching job after several years as an NFL assistant with the Carolina Panthers. Frazier is the former Husker option quarterback great who followed Steele down to Waco. Can they turn Baylor into Nebraska South?

Steele, an excellent recruiter who wooed Frazier to Nebraska, is going to move the Bears more toward running the ball and no doubt Frazier was brought in to help aid that cause. Frazier may be running backs coach, but look for him to work with junior project Odell James at quarterback. James, a high school star who has struggled reading defenses, has the ability to make the option work at Baylor. If not, senior Jermaine Alfred, who started the last seven games of 1998, could start.

If freshman redshirt tailback Ben Gay gets his act together, the Bears could make quick strides. Gay, a 6-1, 220-pound Texas prep star compared to Earl Campbell, was suspended from spring drills (and the season-opener) for breaking team rules.

Steele, a former defensive assistant who helped move Nebraska into national title hunts with the switch to the 4-3 defense, is bringing the 4-3 to Baylor. You need speed and more speed to run that defense. But Steele is already adjusting. Strong safety Rodney Smith will move to weakside linebacker, the play-making position in the 4-3.

# BIG WEST

## With plenty of weapons, Idaho takes favorite's role in improving Big West.

BY DWIGHT CHAPIN  
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

**T**alk about a lack of respect. In its 1998 ratings of 112 college football teams, *Sports Illustrated* had four Big West teams—Boise State, North Texas, New Mexico and Idaho—ranked between Nos. 100 and 108. It may well be time for a reappraisal, particularly in light of No. 108 Idaho's 42-35 Humanitarian Bowl win over No. 26 Southern Mississippi.

The Big West coaches certainly think so.

North Texas' Darrell Dickey, who came into the conference last season, says, "This is a very underrated league. We had some quality wins against teams from quality conferences. It's a well-coached league—they know how to attack you on both sides of the ball. And it's an exciting league. All of the games seem to go right down to the wire."

That pattern doesn't figure to change this season. Idaho has enough weapons returning to be a slight favorite going in, but always-dangerous Nevada and Boise State have the talent to supplant the Vandals. Utah State and North Texas seemingly are longer shots, but the Mean Green were much improved in '98, and New Mexico State is getting better, too, shedding its role as conference doormat. It will be a seven-team league this season, with Arkansas State back after a three-year absence.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Idaho
2. Nevada
3. Boise State
4. Utah State
5. North Texas
6. New Mexico State
7. Arkansas State

### IDAHO

**T**he Vandals were the surprise of the Big West—and one of the surprises of college football—last season when they took the conference championship and then won the Humanitarian Bowl, 42-35, over Southern Mississippi. It was the

*John Welsh, Idaho*



### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Ja'Quay Wilburn,  
RB, North Texas

#### DEFENSE:

Brent Passey,  
LB, Utah State

#### NEWCOMER:

Andre Heard,  
WR, Arkansas State

### GAMES TO WATCH

Boise State at Nevada,  
October 31

Idaho at Nevada,  
November 6

Boise State at Idaho,  
November 20

first bowl victory in school history. They won't be a surprise this season, but they could be very good again, with 10 offensive and eight defensive starters returning off a team that was 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the league. There are major losses, notably all-time rushing leader Joel Thomas on offense and Ryan Skinner, Nick Alexakos and Kevin Hill on defense. But coach Chris Tormey hopes his team's experience and newfound confidence will make up for the departures.

Sophomore John Welsh, the Humanitarian Bowl MVP, returns at quarterback, and he'll have a deep corps of returning receivers led by Ryan Prestimonico (42 receptions), Ethan Jones and Willie Alderson to work with, along with tight end Mike Roberg and five other offensive line starters, led by tackle Rick DeMulling. Michael Moody and Anthony Tenner

will bid to replace Thomas in the Vandals' one-back ground attack. The top defenders are linebackers Chris Nofoaiga, James Durrough and Matt Jasik and backs Dennis Gibbs and Bryson Gardner. Productive placekicker Ben Davis is back, but punter Mike O'Neal graduated.

### NEVADA

**C**oach Jeff Tisdell was disappointed in his team's finish, despite a winning record (6-5 overall, 3-2 in the Big West) but has plenty to build on this season, including 10 starters off a unit that was fifth in the nation in total offense and seven defensive starters. Sophomore quarterback David Neill, who passed for 3,249 yards and 29 touchdowns while starting only seven games and playing in just nine, will direct an attack that again will feature running back Chris Lemon (1,154 yards rushing) and wide receiver Trevor Insley, who averaged a school-record 17.9 yards per catch last season. Also back is all-conference tight end Darin Higgins, who was second in the nation at his position with 517 receiving yards, and veteran linemen Ryan Scuffy, Cameron Norcross, Jeff Batrez, Eric Harper and Greg Bird.

The defense, which gave up 320 points in 1998, returns Jason Burk (a team-best 101 tackles) and Arona Taele at linebackers; Rick Cross, Clark Roosendahl and Horacio Leyva on the line; and all-Big West Maxzell Williams and Mack Carminer in the secondary. Norm Brady punted well as a freshman (39-yard average), but placekicker Mike Phillips was not as consistent, and may be pushed by redshirt freshman Ray Sanchez. The Wolf Pack's non-conference schedule again is very difficult.

### BOISE STATE

**T**he Broncos finished 6-5, and would have had a winning conference record if it hadn't been for a 36-35 season-ending loss in overtime to Idaho. They should be a factor in the league race again if second-year head coach Dirk Koetter can find running backs and receivers to complement

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junior quarterback Bart Hendricks, who passed for 1,799 yards. Redshirts Davy Malaythong and Gavin Reed will try to fill in for departed tailback Eron Hurley (1,142 yards rushing). The top seven pass-catchers, including all-conference Rodney Smith, are gone. Redshirts Brian O'Neal and Jay Swillie may get first call. The line should be a strength, with four starters back, including all-Big West first-teamer Keith Dilworth, an NFL prospect who's coming off knee surgery.

The defensive line looks solid, too, with starters Jon Rydman, Andy Bennett and Mike Maloy all back. Top tackler Bryan Johnson returns at linebacker along with Shawn Sandoval. The secondary should be deep with experienced corners Dempsey Dees and Damien Schilling and safeties Ross Farris, Marcel Yates and Makeesh Brooks. There's uncertainty in the kicking game, where newcomers Brett Thompson and Nick Calaycay will compete for both spots.

## UTAH STATE

**S**econd-year head coach Dave Arslanian is looking for more consistency after a 3-8 season (2-3 in the Big West) and will have eight returning starters on offense and seven on defense to try to accomplish that. Defensively, the Aggies look strong on the flanks, with both outside linebackers (all-Big West first-teamer Brent Passey and Blake Eagal); an end (Caleb Smith) and both corners (Vashon Garmon and Tony Walker) returning. And Donald Dicko is a good free safety. But there are major losses in linebacker Tony D'Amato, who set a school record with 170 tackles, linemen Walter Fiefia and Lindsay Hassell and backs Johndale Carty and Craig Miller.

Offensively, Arslanian can call on talented running back Demario Brown (846 yards rushing in nine games), quarterback Jeff Crosbie, third-leading receiver Aaron Jones, tight end Bucky Orton and linemen Ben Holbrook, Mike Lindsay and Junior Putuau. The key offensive losses were receiving leaders Robert Scott and London McBride. The Aggies boast one other major offensive weapon in placekicker Brad Bohn, an All-America candidate who hit 24 field goals last season. That was a Big West record and tied for ninth most for a season in NCAA history. Punter Jerry Arguello has graduated.

## NORTH TEXAS

**T**he Mean Green was just 3-8 overall in 1998, but had their best finish ever in three seasons in the Big West, tying Nevada for second with a 3-2 mark. Coach Darrell Dickey's offense may be too callow to expect much improvement in his second season in Denton, though. Four starters are gone from the offensive line, and there are holes at quarterback and fullback, too.

Jason Attaway, who's coming off knee surgery, and Chase Corley will compete at quarterback. Ex-linebacker



Broderick McGrew, North Texas

Robert Whitehead will likely step in at fullback and join tailback Ja'Quay Wilburn, who came on strong with 705 of his 754 rushing yards in the last six games. Tackle Vince Patterson will anchor the line, with Broderick McGrew—who led the nation with a 32.6-yard average on kickoff returns—the key wide receiver and Ron Sterling at tight end.

The defense will miss linemen Brian Waters and Scott Blank and safety Phillip Littlejohn, but has veterans in Corbin Montgomery and Zeb Cornist up front, Jeff Rodgers, Fred Pertile and Corry Pertile at linebacker and Detrion Woodson, Ramone Archie, Kendrick Sapp and Lawrence Ellis in the secondary. First-team all-Big West punter John Baker is back, with freshman Dan Walker the possible placekicker.

## NEW MEXICO STATE

**T**he Aggies played better than their record (3-8 overall, 1-5 in the Big West) would indicate, and with seven offensive and nine defensive starters returning, they could be poised to make a move up.

Veteran quarterback Ty Houghtaling (1,820 yards passing, 313 rushing) leads

an offense that also includes wide receiver Ryan Shaw and tight end Dustin Guinn. The top linemen are Jason Berger, Mick Rodemeyer, George Hudson and Matt Hancock. There's a big hole at running back, however, where Big West co-player of the year Denvin Manns, the school's all-time rushing leader, has departed. Kenton Keith will try to replace him.

The defense is led by two-time all-league tackle Tim Englehardt, who'll get support up front from Mike Boganowski, Lyn Perryman and Tye Fraembs, and at linebacker from D'Wayne Taylor and Mike Cunningham. But the Aggies were repeatedly burned in the air last season, when opponents averaged 291 yards a game, so they need improvement from a secondary that returns cornerbacks Melvin McClendon and Jascon Willis and rover Marsey Hawley. The kicking game should be solid, with first-team all-league punter Andy Kohl (42.9-yard average) and placekicker Nick Cecavab back.

Perhaps the best news for the Aggies is that coach Tony Samuel's 1999 recruiting class may be the conference's best.

## ARKANSAS STATE

**A**non-conference schedule that includes Illinois, Mississippi, Memphis and Texas Christian won't help the Indians in their return to the Big West. And it also won't help that a number of top players—including Lennie Johnson, the school's all-time receiving leader, sack specialist Clarence Williams and interceptor Chappell Mitchell—are gone from a squad that finished just 4-8.

Offensively for coach Joe Hollis' squad, much will depend on whether a still-young offensive line can protect quarterback Cleo Lemon, who has been sacked 61 times in 20 games, and open holes for running backs Lamont Zachery (1,790 career rushing yards) and Jonathan Adams. Other players to watch offensively are wide receiver Robert Kilow and tight end Ron Teat.

Punter Ryan Smith averaged 41.9 yards a punt, and placekicker Andy McPherson also returns, but may be challenged by JC transfer Nick Gatto. The major defensive question is in the line, where three starters are gone. The linebacking corps returns budding star Reggie Cooley, but lacks depth. Leading tackler Sean Mitchell keys the secondary at strong safety, with Kishan Cotton returning at a corner and Travis Ducking at free safety.

# CONFERENCE USA

## Eagles' offense looks golden in fast-improving Conference USA.

BY RANDALL MELL  
SUN SENTINEL OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**T**his little conference has made leaps and bounds in legitimacy in football since forming four years ago. It isn't so little anymore, with nine teams in the fold. Tulane shocked the college football world with its undefeated run last year. The Green Wave's 41-27 victory over Brigham Young in the Liberty Bowl was an exclamation point on a remarkable season. A No. 7 final ranking in both major polls was the highest by a Conference USA team since the league was formed.

The conference also sent more teams to bowls than ever before, with Southern Miss and Louisville joining Tulane in the postseason.

What started as six teams has quickly grown to nine, with Alabama-Birmingham the newest addition this season.

Rivalries are quickly forming, too, and this year's race looks wide-open as Tulane retools. The Green Wave lost its dynamic coach, Tommy Bowden, and the league's offensive player of the year, Shaun King. Still, there's hope in New Orleans.

"I think we can compete for the conference title year in and year out," first-year Tulane coach Chris Scelfo says.

Southern Miss will test the Green Wave early. The league's jump-right into things with those two teams meeting in the season opener on Labor Day (September 4) at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

### TOP PLAYERS

**OFFENSE:**  
Chris Redman,  
QB, Louisville

**DEFENSE:**  
Adalius Thomas,  
DE, Southern Miss

**NEWCOMER:**  
Derrick Joseph,  
QB, Tulane

### GAMES TO WATCH

Tulane at SMU,  
September 6

SMU at East Carolina,  
October 9

Tulane at E.Carolina,  
October 23

SMU at Louisville,  
November 20

Army vs. Navy,  
December 4

## SOUTHERN MISS

**T**he Golden Eagles return a handful of outstanding players, but the quest to improve upon last year's 7-5 record and make a third straight bowl trip may rest with the development of youthful newcomers.

There are star-quality players on offense and defense but some question marks, too.

Senior defensive end Adalius Thomas, the school's career sack leader with 25.5, can terrorize quarterbacks. He had a school-record 12.5 last season. Junior defensive end Cedric Scott and senior linebackers T.J. Slaughter and Ty Trahan provide a formidable foundation for a defense returning eight starters.

The offense has big-play potential in senior Sherrod Gideon, who led the team with 66 catches for 1,186 yards and 13 touchdowns last season while smashing the school's career-receiving records. Senior receiver Todd Pinkston is another big target, and sophomore running back Derrick Nix is a bruising back who led the team with 1,180 rushing yards in '98 despite not starting until the fourth game. The key to the season is the development of junior quarterback Cable Davis as successor to Lee Roberts and the development of an offensive front with four new starters.

## EAST CAROLINA

**T**he Pirates were about one play from turning a decent season into a memorable one a year ago. Alabama blocked an extra point and returned it for two points in a 23-22 victory against the Pirates, a game that would have made East Carolina's season. The Pirates will be looking to make the big plays in coach Steve Logan's eighth season and build upon last year's 6-5 mark. ECU returns six starters on offense and defense.

Sophomore quarterback David Garrard showed something special when he finished his freshman season by completing a school-record 61 percent of his passes. The running back tandem of junior Jamie Wilson and sophomore Leonard Henry are back after combining for 1,346 yards rushing a year ago.

Defensively, there's a new approach with defensive coordinator Tim Rose hired from Boston College to switch the Pirates from a 4-3 to 3-4 alignment. He'll be charged with strengthening a unit that ranked 95th nationally in rushing defense. Senior defensive tackle Norris McCleary is back, and so is standout senior inside linebacker Jeff Kerr and promising sophomore linebacker Pernell Griffin.

### PREDICTIONS

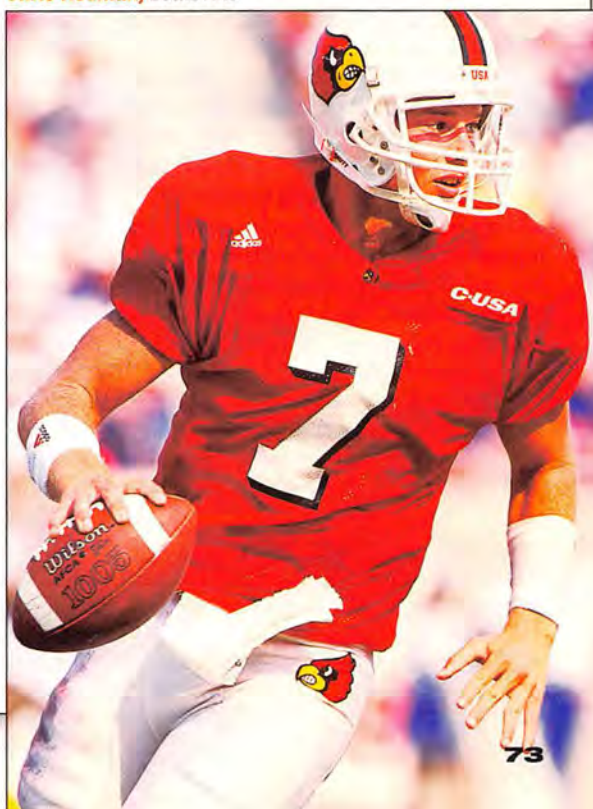
1. Southern Mississippi
2. East Carolina
3. Louisville
4. Tulane
5. Memphis
6. Army
7. Houston
8. Cincinnati
9. UAB

## LOUISVILLE

**T**he air will be filled with footballs around Louisville again with senior quarterback Chris Redman back to lead the Cardinals and their high-flying act.

Louisville enjoyed the best turnaround in Division I-A under coach John L. Smith last season. In

Chris Redman, Louisville



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his first season, the Cardinals improved to 7-5 from 1-10.

Redman enters his senior season already holding virtually all the school's passing records. He threw for 4,042 yards a year ago and 29 touchdowns. He helped the offense amass 559 yards per game in a season that ended with a Motor City Bowl loss to Marshall. Seven other starters return to the offense, including practically the entire receiving corps. Senior Arnold Jackson set school marks a year ago as a pass-catcher with 90 catches for 1,165 yards and 10 TDs. Also back is one of the nation's best tight ends, All-America senior Ibn Green.

Defensively, every starter's back from a unit that gave up 30 or more points in seven games. Louisville also should benefit from a school-record seven homes games.

## TULANE

**T**alk about a tough act to follow. First-year Tulane coach Chris Scelfo has the toughest in Division I-A.

The Green Wave enjoyed the best football season in school history. The 12-0 mark was the school's first unbeaten season. It's a year that turned New Orleans Tulane crazy, but so much has changed.

Coach Tommy Bowden is gone to Clemson, and 11 starters are gone, too, including practically the entire defense. So many of the team leaders are gone, including quarterback Shaun King, last year's league MVP and a second-round NFL draft pick.

Sophomore Patrick Ramsey and red-shirt freshman Derrick Joseph are battling for a quarterback position that Scelfo intends to remain explosive. Tulane will have most of its returning experience on offense with eight starters back, including senior receiver Jajuan Dawson, who has eight career 100-yard receiving games, and junior tackle Bernard Robertson, who should be among the nation's best offensive linemen.

The defense returns just three starters, but the season's biggest challenge is an improved schedule that includes a trip to Syracuse.

## MEMPHIS

**T**he Tigers will be looking to rebound from a 2-9 season, and they have plenty of experience back.

Coach Rip Scherer begins his fifth season with 15 starters returning.

Eight starters are back on offense. It's a unit that struggled in the first half of the season, averaging just 10 points per game. The offense rebounded by scoring 30 or more in five of the final six games.

There is reason for hope with senior flanker Damien Dodson, junior tailback Gerard Arnold and senior guard Tim Seymour back to lead the way.

Defensively, seven starters return, including senior cornerback Reginald Howard and junior linebacker Kamal Shakir.

Sophomore Ryan White was the only placekicker in Division I-A to enjoy a perfect season. He was 16 of 16 in field goal attempts.

## ARMY

**T**he Cadets are rebuilding, but their fans can count on this: Army will rank among the nation's best running football teams, no matter their record.

The Cadets were 3-8 last season in their debut in Conference USA, but they finished No. 1 nationally in rushing offense again, averaging 293.8 yards per game. It marked the fourth time Army won national rushing honors.

Coach Bob Sutton will have to rebuild that wishbone running attack with leading rusher Bobby Williams among eight starters gone. Sutton also will be grooming a new quarterback, with junior Joe Gerena expected to step in.

The defense returns seven starters looking to shore up a porous rush defense. A group of talented linebackers will be led by junior Lyle Weaver, who emerged as a standout last season with 118 tackles.

## HOUSTON

**T**he Cougars are poised for a turnaround. Seventh-year coach Kim Helton will work with 18 returning starters and four new assistant coaches, including new offensive and defensive coordinators, in an effort to improve upon last year's 3-8 record.

Senior tailback Ketric Sanford needs 811 yards to become the school's career rushing leader. He'll get that chance behind an offensive line that returns four of five starters. Senior Jerrian James and junior Orlando Iglesias return as stand-out receivers after combining to catch 143 passes a year ago. Junior quarterback Jason McKinley should be improved in

his third season as a starter.

The defense will sport a different look with coordinator Dick Bumpus, hired from Navy, implementing a 4-2-5 attack that will feature as many as nine players at the line.

## CINCINNATI

**T**he Bearcats lose 16 starters from last season, but that's not such bad news. Cincinnati welcomes a fresh start—and a load of junior college transfers, 13 of them.

Coach Rick Minter led Cincinnati to three straight winning seasons before watching his team fall apart a year ago. The Bearcats lost nine straight before winning their final two.

Junior quarterback Deontey Kenner returns after sharing the starter's role for part of last year. He helped a more pass-oriented offense set the school record for total offense (418.1 yards per game), but it was a mistake-prone unit that turned the ball over nearly four times per game.

Just how improved Cincinnati will be this season may depend on how the defense rebounds from last year's failures and how many JC transfers are ready to step in.

## UAB

**T**he season begins September 4 at Missouri, but a new era begins on September 25.

That's the date the Blazers make their debut in Conference USA against Houston. The home date is another significant step for a school that didn't have an NCAA-sanctioned program when the decade began.

Fifth-year Alabama-Birmingham coach Watson Brown knows his Blazers have some work to do proving they belong. UAB played four games against Conference USA teams in the last three years and lost all four.

Ten starters return to the offense, seven to defense, on a team that's trying to improve on a 4-7 record while stepping up in class. This will mark the first year UAB will play 11 Division I-A opponents.

The offense will be revamped by new offensive coordinator Pat Sullivan, the former Heisman Trophy winner and Texas Christian coach. The unit failed to score more than seven points in three games last season.

The Blazer defense is led by senior Kris Neal and sophomore Wes Foss, both safeties. ■

# MID-AMERICAN

## Marshall should ride Herd behind arm of pro prospect Pennington.

BY STAN SUTTON  
BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

**M**arshall looks like the team to beat in the Mid-American, but the Thundering Herd isn't the only school to have a superstar. Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington would appear to have a leg up on being the MAC's top performer, yet has plenty of competition even to be the league's best offensive threat.

Pennington already has 63 touchdown passes and more than 10,000 yards in his career. Most important, he is a winner.

So is Tim Lester of Western Michigan, who will try to build on 53 touchdown passes. Behind Lester, Western Michigan has won 15 games over a two-year period for the first time in school history.

Lester could become the Mid-American's all-time leader in three categories if he can add 2,384 yards in total offense, pass for 2,629 yards and throw for 11 touchdowns.

But if the MAC appears to be simply a passing league, Miami's Travis Prentice will have a response to that suggestion.

Prentice is the nation's top returning rusher, having gained 1,787 yards, and was the league's player of the year last season. He's scored 45 touchdowns in the past two seasons to rank fourth on the NCAA's all-time rushing list with 56. And he's on a pace to become the all-time scoring leader.

by tackle Girardie Mercer. Paul Toviesse returns after missing most of last year with an injury. The line-backing corps of John Grace, Max Yates and Andre O'Neal remains intact. All-MAC cornerback Daninelle Derricott recorded six interceptions and will work alongside Maurice Hines, Rogers Beckett and Doug Hodges.

### MIAMI

**T**erry Hoepfner takes over the RedHawks after Randy Walker departed for Northwestern. Miami was 10-1 and tied for first in the East Division in 1998.

Ironically, the RedHawks begin their season at Northwestern with 10 members of their offensive unit intact and six returnees on defense.

Travis Prentice, who has not lost a fumble in his last 684 carries, will run behind a veteran line that features center Chris Kalafatis, guards Bob Beinecke and Chris Huelsman and tackles Alex Sulfsted, Joe Costello and Phil Hawk.

The receivers include tight ends Mike Sullivan and Robert Frazier and wideouts Trevor Gaylor, Sly Johnson, Ty Buxton and Nate Sexton. Quarterback Mike Bath improved significantly as last

### PREDICTIONS

#### EAST DIVISION

1. Marshall
2. Miami
3. Bowling Green
4. Ohio
5. Akron
6. Kent
7. Buffalo

#### WEST DIVISION

1. Western Michigan
2. Toledo
3. Central Michigan
4. Ball State
5. Eastern Michigan
6. Northern Illinois

### EAST DIVISION

#### MARSHALL

**O**n the heels of a 12-1 record in 1998, which set a school record for victories at the Division I-A level, the Thundering Herd hasn't ruled out an even better season in '99.

Much of the optimism surrounds quarterback Chad Pennington, who is the only returnee among the 10 quarterbacks who were finalists for the Davey O'Brien Award last fall. Pennington has thrown for more than 10,000 yards at Marshall, leading the Herd to a 34-6 record in games in which he has played.

Pennington's passes are balanced by Doug Chapman, who is attempting to become the first Marshall player to run for more than 1,000 yards in each of four seasons. He'll operate behind a line that loses only one player and includes all-MAC tackle Mike Guilliams. Also back are 340-pound guard Chris Scheuch, center Jason Starkey and right guard Jimmy Callebos.

The top receiver is Nate Poole, who had 48 catches for 616 yards. James Williams caught 26 passes, including three receptions for two touchdowns in the Motor City Bowl.

Marshall also keeps 15 of its top 16 tacklers, led

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Chad Pennington,  
QB, Marshall

#### DEFENSE:

Jason Lamar,  
LB, Toledo

#### NEWCOMER:

Ed Boness,  
OL, Western Michigan

### GAMES TO WATCH

Marshall at Miami,  
October 2

Marshall at Western  
Michigan,  
November 13

Chad Pennington, Marshall





**Travis Prentice, Miami**

season progressed. In Miami's last six games he completed 64 of 100 passes with only two interceptions.

Linebacker JoJuan Armor was a major loss, but outside linebacker Dustin Cohen is an explosive defender. The defensive line appears strong with tackles James Bratcher and Andy Aracri and the secondary keeps Michael Adams and Brandon Godsey. All-MAC punter Kent McCullough is still around.

## BOWLING GREEN

**A**fter opening with lopsided losses to Missouri and Penn State, the Falcons rallied to win four of their last five and finish 5-6.

Considerable optimism abounds because the offensive line returns intact and the schedule appears more palatable. Tackles Rob Fehrman and Chad McCarthy, guards Mark Kautzman and Eric Curl and center Doug Dorley provide a solid unit to block for tailbacks Godfrey

Lewis and Steve Holmes. Lewis ran for 753 yards as a freshman and had 191 yards against Ohio. Holmes ran for 220 of his 384 yards against Kent. Bowling Green's rushing game improved from 107th nationally in 1997 to 13th last year.

Quarterback Ricky Schneider should benefit from the good supporting cast, which includes sophomore receivers Kurt Gerling and Robert Redd. Gerling was MAC freshman of the year after making 34 catches.

The Falcons have seven starters back on defense, including outside linebackers Khary Campbell and Garry Fisher and middle linebacker Joe O'Neill. Ken Dobbs, Chad Long and Karl Rose all have seen starting service in the secondary.

The biggest problem on defense will be retooling the line, where D.J. Durkin is the lone veteran starting.

## OHIO

**F**ifth-year coach Jim Grobe must replace 19 seniors from a 5-6 team, including the top two rushers in

school history in quarterback Kareem Wilson and tailback Steveland Hookfin. They were responsible for 69 percent of the Bobcats' rushing.

The only positions on offense not up for grabs belong to center Mike Varrone and tight end Drew Dwyer. Sophomore Dan Jordan appears to have dibs on the quarterback position. The tailback spot could go to sophomore Jamel Patterson, who'll be pushed by Chad Brinker and Keith Brooks. Ohio's best receiver probably is Raynald Ray. Joe Fondale will be pushed at fullback by Chris Knaack, a transfer from Youngstown State, and red-shirt freshman Joe Sherrill.

Ohio keeps five starters on defense but will miss some key players, including Jeremy Beutler and Geno Walsh from the line and three-year starter Tom Carder at linebacker. However, veteran John Kraus returns to the offensive line. Art Adams appears ready to move in at end and Mike Fox is the likely nose guard.

Mark Calgaro is set at inside linebacker and will probably team with senior Dave Swenson. Transfers Matt Spitler and Tom Weilbacher should help. Donnie White and David Walker anchor the secondary.

## AKRON

**T**he Zips outgained their opponents and played several of the MAC's better teams close, yet finished with a 4-7 record that led fifth-year coach Lee Owens to say, "Last season was by far the most competitive football team we have fielded."

Akron had good balance, gaining only five more yards through the air than on the ground and quarterback James "Butchie" Washington broke 12 school records last year.

"He is not tapped out. He can get a whole lot better," Owens says of his junior passer.

The Akron coach believes his talent level is improving. The standouts include defensive lineman Abe Edwards and Jermaine Williams, tight end Tim Ritley, wideout Jake Schifino and fullback Matt Zuercher. Scott Smith, Jeff Grzeskowiak and George Harrison will see more action in the offensive line and Owens says his line will be as good as he's had at Akron.

Offensive starters returning include end Lavel Bailey, fullback Raschi Culler and linemen Steve Hale and Dan Wessman. Strong safety Mike Hughes will be a stalwart on defense.

## KENT

**D**ean Pees still is looking for his first victory after one season with the Golden Flashes. One of Kent's major problems was an October 10 injury that cost standout wide receiver Eugene Barker the remainder of the season.

One of the positives was the play of freshman DeMarlo Rozier, who led Kent's rushing with 57 yards per game. He was the second-leading freshman rusher in the conference.

The Flashes got solid play from quarterback Jose Davis, who ranks second in school history in yards (4,753), completions (405) and pass attempts (786). Davis also has thrown 41 career touchdown passes.

Barker's injury opened the door for freshman Jurrion Kelly, who caught seven passes against Ohio, six against Marshall and Miami and five against Bowling Green. Among the top returning players are tight end Jason Gavadza (19 catches for 260 yards), linebacker Rashaan Hall and placekicker Dave Pavich.

Kent's major problem is shoring up a defense that allowed an average of 41.3 points a game.

**Robert Sandford, Western Michigan**



**Mike Bilik, Toledo**

## BUFFALO

**T**he Bulls become a new member of the MAC following a 4-7 season as a I-AA independent and will take 54 returning lettermen into their new challenge.

Buffalo will play its first major college schedule since 1970, the year before the 23,000-student school dropped football completely for six seasons.

The returnees include 18 starters, including five in the offensive line and receiver-kick returner Drew Haddad, whose 155 catches are a school record. Last year he had 67 receptions for 911 yards and five touchdowns.

Buffalo's most experienced quarterback, Erik Rusin, has made just three starts and threw only four passes last season behind departed starter Chad Salisbury. But the Bulls have talent at running back, led by fullbacks Josh Roth and Marvin Brereton. Junior college transfer Joe McKoy is a 246-pounder with potential.

Joe Hattendorf and Michael Garofalo are three-year starters in the line, which also features Tom Brown, David Pruce and Dominic Monacelli.

The defensive line is led by sophomore Bob Dzvonick and Josh Stello and the linebacking ace is Chris Shelly, who had 80 tackles as a freshman. He'll be joined by Josh Trexler and Brandon Jordan. The secondary finished the season with three sophomores and a freshman and is led by Eric Pipkins, who had six tackles for losses in '98.

## WEST DIVISION

### WESTERN MICHIGAN

**A** rugged schedule that includes an opening game at Florida awaits the Broncos, who posted a 7-4 record and tied for second in the West Division. Third-year coach Gary Darnell keeps nine starters on offense and eight on defense.

Quarterback Tim Lester owns the school record for touchdown passes (53) and ranks second with 7,651 passing yards and third with 593 completions. His career completion average is 57 percent and his favorite receivers are all-MAC players Steve Neal and Jake Moreland.

Western Michigan led the MAC in total yardage, passing and scoring but loses halfback Darnell Fields and receiver Mike Hutchings. Junior Robert Sandford will move from fullback to halfback in hopes of regaining his freshman form, which saw him run for 1,033 yards. Steve Wark, Colin Greczek, Gary Nicklasch, Paul Lambert and Charlie Knapp give the Broncos an experienced offensive line.

Western Michigan is strong at linebacker with Garrett Soldano and Mario Evans. Evans had 10 tackles for losses. Former walk-on Jared Pike returns at outside linebacker and the line features end Eric Bettys and tackle Jeremy Johnson. John Deming steps in at nose guard and Tom Rozema will be at end.

In the secondary, William Reed will move from free to strong safety and work with cornerbacks Eric Nunlee and

# MID-AMERICAN

Ronald Rogers. Carlos Smith will be the free safety. Placekicker Brad Selent is one of the Broncos' best ever. He won two games with late field goals.

## TOLEDO

**T**he Rockets have won the West Division title the past two seasons, relying on an explosive offense in 1997 and an outstanding defense last year.

"I'm tired of us being strong in one area and just OK in another," coach Gary Pinkel says.

Most of the key defenders return this year. They include all-MAC linebacker Jason Lamar, who had 12 tackles for losses among his 119 stops, and end DeJuan Goulde. More important, however, the Rockets keep 20 of the 24 players listed on the two-deep chart last season.

The offense is more of a concern, especially at quarterback where Dan Cole, Tavares Bolden and Justin Larrick will battle for playing time. Whoever inherits that job will benefit from a line that retains everyone on the first and second units. That includes tackle Colin Westrich, a 6-6, 300-pound sixth-year senior. Toledo also keeps tailback Chester Taylor, who averaged 5.5 yards a carry and gained 570 yards rushing. Tight end Mike Bilik and wide receiver Mel Long assure the Rockets of decent targets.

Toledo, which opens its season with a Thursday night game against Syracuse, posted a 7-5 record last season while going 6-2 within the MAC. The Rockets are chasing their sixth straight winning season.

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN

**T**he Chippewas face early-season games at Syracuse and Purdue, which will make it difficult to improve last season's 6-5 record. CMU tied for second in the West Division at 5-3. The Chippewas went 2-9 and 1-7 in 1997.

Sixth-year coach Dick Flynn keeps seven starters on offense and six on defense and will concentrate on improving a receiving corps that lost Reggie Allen and Bryan Schorman. Flynn needs some pass-catchers to step up as a complement to quarterback Pete Shepherd, who completed 152 of 324 passes for 2,005 yards.

The top returning receiver is tight end Mark Swetz, who had 18 catches for 233 yards, but Central Michigan lost four receivers who accounted for 128 catches.

Eric Flowers, an all-MAC selection, is back at tailback after rushing for 1,302 yards and 16 scores, often behind the blocking of fullback Jason Meyer. The offensive line keeps a pair of 300-pound tackles, Eric Pages and Matt Brayton, and guard John Herrold.

Wayne Dudley and Tedaro France return at cornerback, and Brian Leigeb will be a third-year starter at free safety after making 129 tackles and three interceptions last year. Returning starters Walter Jenkins and Gabe McMasters and backups Darnell Wilson and Jerry Zaremba will give the Chippewas solid play at defensive end. Most of the interior defensive line was lost, but Joe Adam and Jerry Stempien will fill in. Placekicker Paul Savich hit 11 of 20 field goal attempts.

## BALL STATE

**T**he Cardinals uncharacteristically dropped into the cellar of the West Division with a 1-10 record, but fifth-year coach Bill Lynch doesn't expect the program to linger there.

"We have quality starters returning at nearly every position," he says. "Our younger players earned some very valuable experience last season and our redshirt players and incoming freshmen should add necessary depth."

Ball State keeps four starters on offense, including tackles Ryan Carter and Aaron Johnson. Wide receiver Adrian Reese will be in his third season as a starter and Clay Walters returns at quarterback, but Walters faces a challenge from Brian Conn.

Lynch will switch from a 4-3 to a 4-4 defense. Ernest Pressley is a fixture at inside linebacker and Larry Davis, a former wide receiver, is set at outside linebacker. Other returning starters are ends Rachman Crable and Bayette George, tackles Evan Triggs and Mark Zackery, inside linebacker Marlon Llewellyn, outside backer Byron Driver and cornerback Lowell Faison.

## EASTERN MICHIGAN

**T**he Eagles need to improve a defense that gave up 45 to 59 points in three games en route to a 3-8 record. But coach Rick Rasnick has 47 returning lettermen, including 15 starters.

One of the settled positions is quarterback, where Walt Church has started the past 19 games and last year completed 213 of 355 passes for 2,650 yards. The running game is solid with Eric Powell, Idris Wells and Ethan Vannoy intact. Pete Nyikes, Matt Kelly and Tim Burzynski can play fullback or tight end. Jermaine Sheffield had 62 catches and Brandon Campbell 27 as wideouts. Center Tom Michel spearheads an offensive line that also features guards Rich Chorak and Craig Cipa.

There are eight returning starters on defense, including linemen Ashley Travis and James Turner. Outside linebackers include Clifton Robinson and Tarance Simmons and the secondary still has Lincoln Dupree and Donald McCall. McCall led the Eagles with 128 tackles, including eight for losses.

Punter Nick Avondet averaged 42.8 yards, the second-best mark in school history.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**T**he Huskies (2-9) slipped out of the West Division cellar with a 2-6 league mark that included victories over Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan. NIU ended a 23-game losing streak in October.

"You can't rebuild forever," says fourth-year coach Joe Novak, whose teams went 1-21 in his first two seasons. But after watching five quarterbacks sidelined by a variety of reasons, Novak wound up with walk-on freshman Craig Harmon at the position. Harmon completed 81 of 172 passes over eight games, including 54 to Justin McCareins.

Improving the offense, which Novak says "hasn't done squat" in three years, is a major priority. Chris Finley, back from a broken collarbone, is the likely No. 1 quarterback. Ivory Bryant leads the corps of tailbacks and Matt Dunker is set at tight end. The line features tackle Ryan Diem, one of the few in the front group to avoid injuries last season.

The Huskies' defense improved in virtually every area and is led by 300-pound tackle Lamain Rucker, who had nine tackles for losses. End Lewis Miskowicz had eight tackles for losses.

Novak hopes to develop some consistency at linebacker with juniors Kevin Selover and Cameron Saulsby at the forefront. Former safety Jon Pendergrass also fits into the picture. The secondary features Donnavan Carter, Jermaine Hampton and Benji Peacock. ■

# PAC-10

## Arizona Wildcats are strong 'Canidate' for favorite's role.

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**W**hether they like it or not, the Arizona Wildcats will be favored to win the Pac-10 championship. Historical precedent says the Wildcats shouldn't be comfortable with the favorite's role. They been voted preseason No. 1 twice before in the media poll since joining the conference in 1978, and didn't fare quite as well as expected. In 1983, they were fifth, with a 4-3-1 league record, and in 1994 they tied for second after going 6-2.

But all the signs point to the Wildcats becoming the final Pac-10 team to make it to the Rose Bowl—and maybe contending for a national title. They were 12-1 last season, finished fourth in the final rankings and have 16 starters returning, including all-everything running back Trung Canidate.

Coach Dick Tomey, 60, knows his team should be plenty good. But experience has taught him that talent does not always translate into supremacy in what lately has become a topsy-turvy Pac-10—a conference in which upstarts Oregon, Arizona State and Washington State have gone to the Rose Bowl in three of the past five seasons.

"As always," Tomey says, "there will be some teams who are highly regarded who might struggle, and some teams not so regarded who are successful. The best way I can put it is that we were 12-1 and Cal and ASU were 5-6 and we had to fight our buns off to beat them. It's too competitive a conference to say what will happen."

USC and UCLA, who seemingly led the league in recruiting, certainly have the personnel to challenge the Wildcats. Arizona State should rebound after an inexplicably off season, and Washington and Oregon are always dangerous. If California can find some offense to complement its killer defense, it could be a factor. Stanford, Oregon State and Washington State could surprise, too. When Washington State went from first to last in 1998, it showed just how unpredictable the Pac-10 can be.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Danny Farmer,  
WR, UCLA

#### DEFENSE:

Marcus Bell,  
LB, Arizona

#### NEWCOMER:

Markus Steele,  
LB, USC

### GAMES TO WATCH

USC at Arizona,  
October 9

Arizona at UCLA,  
October 30

UCLA at USC,  
November 20

### ARIZONA

**T**he Wildcats' 12-1 record, capped by a victory over Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl, was the best in school history, and Dick Tomey's squad became just the fourth Pac-10 team ever to win a dozen games (the only blemish was a 52-28 loss to conference champ UCLA). If replacements can be found for All-America cornerback Chris McAlister and a handful of other departed starters, this season could be just as good, or better.

The offense set a school record with 444.9 yards a game, and the returning weapons are considerable. You start with the quarterback tandem of senior Keith Smith, who set a Pac-10 record with a passing efficiency of 174.17, and super-athletic junior Ortege Jenkins. Then add tailback Trung Canidate (1,220 yards rushing, NCAA-leading 7.3 yards per carry),



Trung Canidate, Arizona

### PREDICTIONS

1. Arizona
2. USC
3. UCLA
4. Arizona State
5. Washington
6. Oregon
7. California
8. Stanford
9. Oregon State
10. Washington State

outside running threat Leon Callen and wide receivers Dennis Northcutt (1,647 all-purpose yards) and Brad Brennan. The offensive line loses Edwin Mulitalo and Yusuf Scott, but gets back a strong core with center Bruce Wiggins, tackle Manuia

Savea, an honors candidate, and guards Steven Grace and Makoa Freitas, a freshman All-America. Superb blocker Brandon Manumaleuna should take over for Mike Lucky at tight end, with redshirt William Blocker perhaps inheriting Kelvin Eafon's fullback role. Mark McDonald, who finished the season strongly, is back as the placekicker, with redshirt Chris Palic first in line to replace two-year punter Ryan Springston.

Despite the loss of McAlister and leading sacker Daniel Greer, the 'Cats' defense should be very solid. The strength clearly is at linebacker, where first-team all-Pac-10 performer Marcus Bell (conference-best 139 tackles), second-teamer DaShon Polk and Scott Sprotte all return. They'll be backed by promising redshirt Antonio Pierce and touted freshmen Joseph Siofele and Lance Briggs, who may double as a fullback in goal-line situations. Three starters, ends Joe Tafoya and Mike Robertson and tackle Keoni Fraser, return in the line. They're likely to be joined by 1998 backup Anthony Thomas. Freshman Cory Kipp also might be a factor. A trio of seniors—Rafell Jones, Greg Payne and Kelvin Hunter—return in the secondary, as does veteran backup Leland Gayles, who started ahead of Hunter last season before being sidelined for eight games by a neck injury.

## USC

**P**aul Hackett should have plenty of offense in his second season as Trojan head coach. The question is whether his young defense will be able to get its legs by the meat of the Pac-10 season. If it can, this should be a conference championship contender, at least.

The Trojans, who were 8-5 overall and 5-3 in the league, return three of the top skill-position players in the country in tailback Chad Morton (985 yards rushing), All-America wide receiver candidate R. Jay Soward (44 receptions) and sophomore quarterback Carson Palmer, who threw for 1,755 yards as a rookie. Back, too, is the entire offensive line: guards Travis Claridge (another potential All-America) and Jason Grain, tackles Brent McCaffrey and Matt Welch, center Matt McShane and tight end Antoine Harris. Wide receivers Billy Miller, Larry Parker and Mike Bastianelli are gone, but Windrell Hayes returns opposite Soward, with backup Brennan Ochs likely to replace Marvin Powell at fullback.

The defense, which was the Pac-10's best overall last season, and high-ranked nationally in a couple of categories, will have to overcome the losses of linebacker Chris Claiborne, the 1998

**Danny Farmer, UCLA**



**R. Jay Soward, USC**

Butkus Award winner, all-conference cornerback Daylon McCutcheon and safeties Rashard Cook and Grant Pearsall, among others. Three starters, end Sultan Abdul-Malik and tackles Ennis Davis and Aaron Williams, return up front, with Zeke Moreno back at linebacker and Antuan Simmons and David Gibson (shifted from linebacker to strong safety) in the secondary. Shamsud-Din Abdul-Shaheed, a seven-game starter, should be at the other end, but the pic-

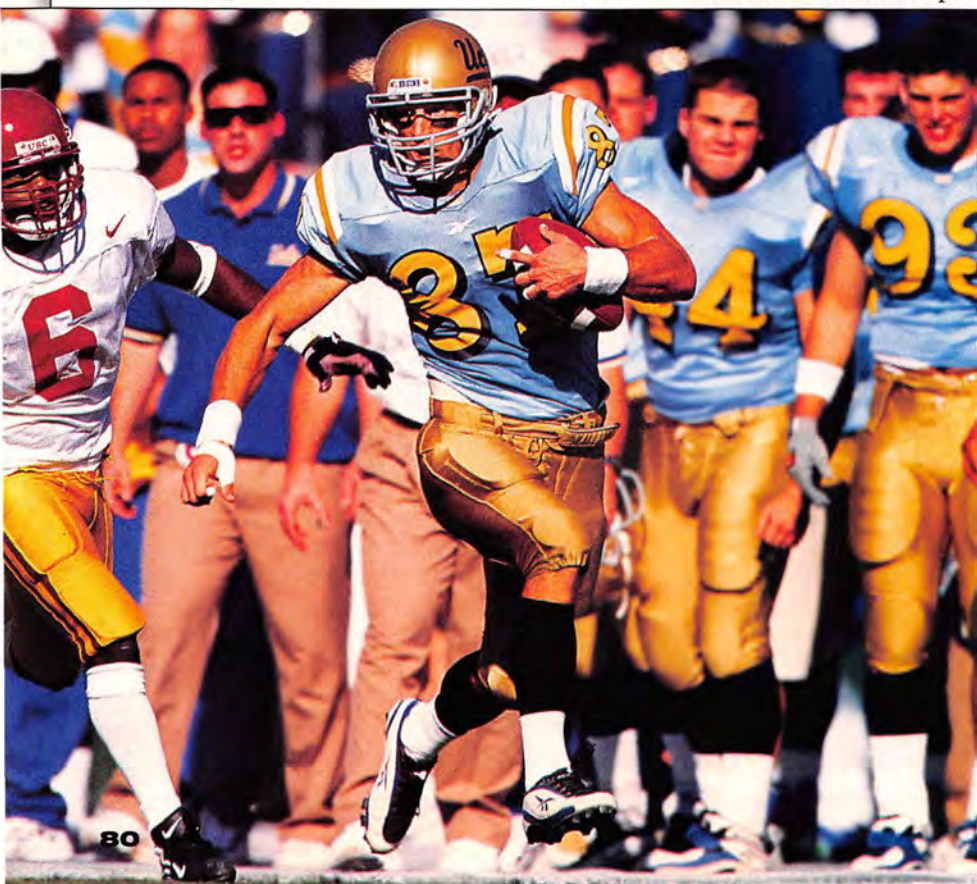
ture isn't as clear at linebacker, cornerback or safety. Markus Steele of Long Beach CC, rated the nation's best junior college linebacker, may get first call at Claiborne's spot, and Hackett has shifted two former offensive players, quarterback John Fox and tight end Lonnie Ford, to his linebacking corps. Others seeking starting spots are corners Tanqueray Clark and Kris Richard and safeties Ifeanyi Ohalet and Darnell Lacy.

Steady punter Mike MacGillivray returns, but four-year placekicker Adam Abrams' departure leaves a void. MacGillivray may try to do double duty, with David Bell and transfer David Newbury also bidding for the job.

## UCLA

**A**nyone who saw the Bruins at the end of last season against Miami or in the Rose Bowl against Wisconsin won't have to be reminded that their defense was more than a little soft. The two-time defending Pac-10 champions (10-2 overall, 8-0 in the conference) have eight starters returning from that young and beleaguered unit, though, and Bob Field, back as defensive coordinator for the first time since 1995, will switch from a 3-4 front to a 4-3. The Bruins almost have to be better at stopping people than they were last season, but how much better is a major key to whether they can challenge for a third straight title and another Rose Bowl.

Pete Holland and Kenyon Coleman, both of whom started on the line in '98, probably will compete at one end, with



Santi Hall or Trevor Turner at the other and a pair of sophomores, Ken Kocher and Anthony Fletcher, likely inside. First-team Freshman All-America Ryan Nece is set at one outside linebacker spot, maybe opposite key backup Ali Abdul-Azziz, with Tony White and Robert Thomas contesting for the start at middle backer. Star safety Larry Atkins is gone from the secondary, but there appears to be good depth, starting with cornerbacks Jason Bell, a 12-game starter, Ryan Roques and Marques Anderson and safeties Audie Attar, Eric Whitfield and Jason Stephens, who figures to take over for Atkins.

Offensively, coach Bob Toledo's biggest task is trying to replace the storied Cade McNown at quarterback. McNown's little-used backup, 6-5 junior Drew Bennett, will get first call, but others, like touted freshman J.P. Losman, will be waiting in the wings. The receiving corps, led by Biletnikoff Award candidate Danny Farmer (58 receptions for a school-record 1,274 yards), Brian Poli-Dixon, Brad Melsby and Freddie Mitchell, is very strong, and running back looks deep, too, with tailbacks Jermaine Lewis, DeShaun Foster, Keith Brown and prep star Akil Harris and fullback Durrell Price. Outland Trophy winner Kris Farris, Andy Meyers and Shawn Stewart will be missed on the line, where the leaders should be tackle Brian Polak, guard Oscar Cabrera and redshirt tight end Gabe Crecion. With all-purpose Chris Sailer's departure, the kicking specialists will be brand new. Prep All-America Nathan Fiske may step in.

## ARIZONA STATE

The Sun Devils were the Pac-10's surprise team in 1998—in a negative way. Expected to contend strongly for the conference title after a 9-3 season, they slumped to a 5-6 record (4-4 and tied for fifth in the league). Particularly galling for coach Bruce Snyder and his squad were a four-point loss to Washington in the season opener and an eight-point defeat by Arizona in the finale, games in which ASU surrendered 42 and 50 points, respectively. Obviously, the defense will have to be better if the 1999 record is going to improve.

Snyder signed 27 recruits—10 of them from the JC ranks—including no less than eight corners and safeties. The defensive prizes may be freshman linebacker Solomon Bates and lineman Tony Aguilar and transfer corner Nijrell Eason.

## ALL-PAC-10 TEAM

### OFFENSE

QB	Keith Smith	SR	Arizona
RB	J.R. Redmond	SR	Arizona State
RB	Reuben Droughns	SR	Oregon
RB	Trung Canidate	SR	Arizona
WR	Danny Farmer	SR	UCLA
WR	R. Jay Soward	SR	USC
TE	Kendrick Bates	SR	Arizona State
OL	Marvel Smith	JR	Arizona State
OL	Brian Polak	JR	UCLA
OL	Travis Claridge	SR	USC
OL	Chad Ward	JR	Washington
OL	Keith DiDomenico	JR	Oregon State
PK	Nathan Villegas	SR	Oregon

### DEFENSE

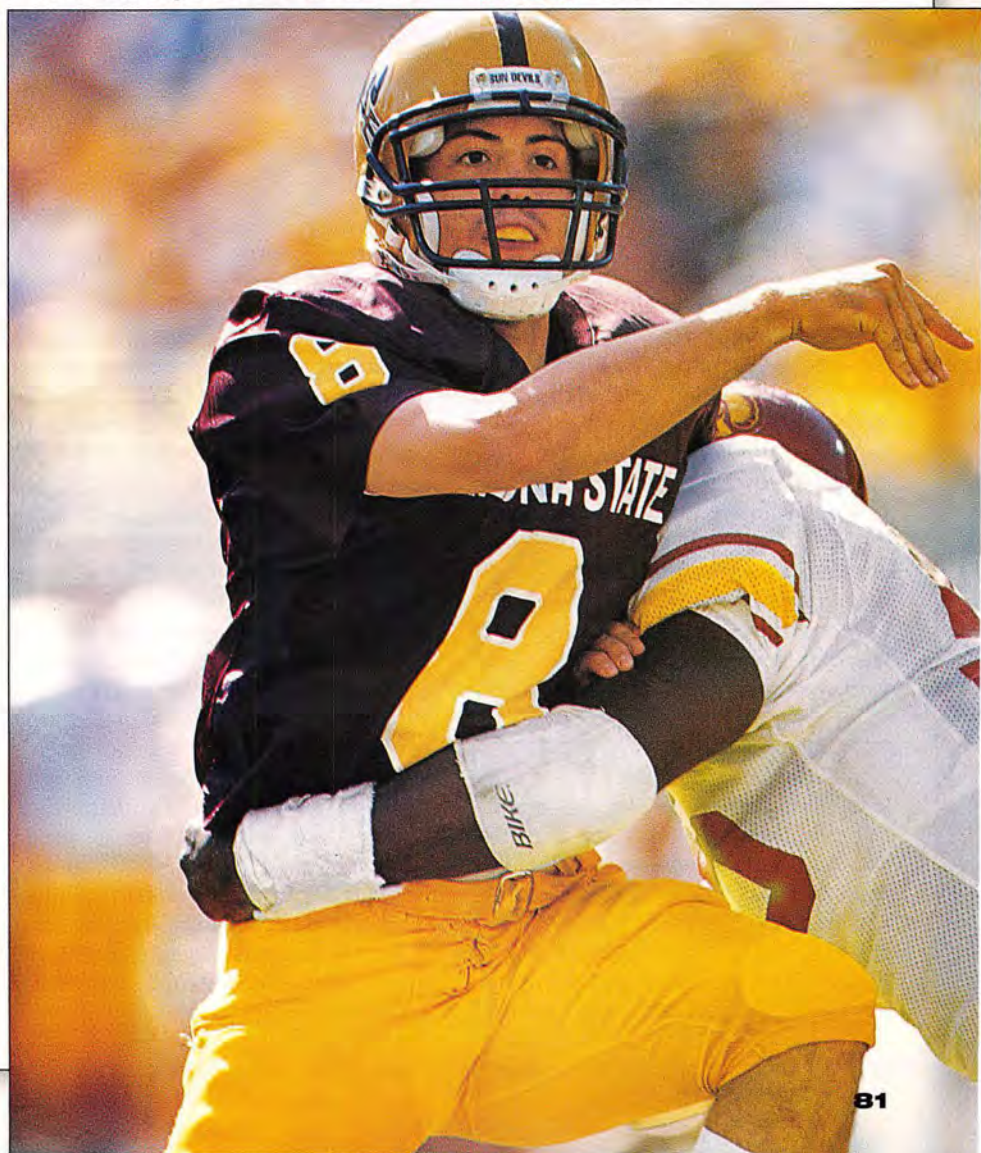
DL	Ennis Davis	JR	USC
DL	Jabari Issa	JR	Washington
DL	Jerry DeLoach	SR	California
DL	Andre Carter	JR	California
LB	Sekou Sanyika	SR	California
LB	Marcus Bell	SR	Arizona
LB	DaShon Polk	SR	Arizona
DB	Antuan Simmons	JR	USC
DB	Lamont Thompson	JR	Washington State
DB	Tim Smith	SR	Stanford
DB	Greg Payne	SR	Arizona
P	Stephen Baker	SO	Arizona State

They'll join a group of returnees headed by linemen Junior Ioane, Eric Flowers and Quincy Yancy, and linebackers Eric Fields and Adam Archuleta, who was second on the squad with 75 tackles. Courtney Jackson, an honors candidate who had four interceptions and 43 tackles, leads a defensive backfield that includes Christon Rance and J'Juan Cherry. Other newcomers who may help quickly are linebackers Jamall Anderson and Adam Tanke, cornerback Kenny Williams and safety Monte' Franks. Missing from the defense are

1998 starters Albrey Battle, Joe Cesta and Mitchell Freedman.

The offense loses a trio of productive players—center Grey Reugamer, fullback Jeff Paulk and wide receiver Lenzie Jackson—but several of the leading skill performers are in place, including All-America candidate J.R. Redmond (883 yards rushing in 10 games) at tailback, Ryan Kealy (2,161 yards passing) at quarterback and Tariq McDonald at wide receiver. Returning up front are huge

*Ryan Kealy, Arizona State*





**Lester Towns, Washington**

tackle Marvel Smith, guard Victor Leyva, center Scott Peters and tight ends Kendrick Bates and Todd Heap, who combined for 26 receptions. The major offensive recruit is running back Delvon Flowers, who was rated by SuperPrep as the No. 1 JC player in the country. Another transfer, Kenneth Williamson, should help in the offensive line. The Sun Devils have one of the nation's best dual-purpose kickers in sophomore Stephen Baker (45.7-yard average on punts, 10 field goals).

## WASHINGTON

**T**he players are saying this is not a rebuilding year for the Huskies, but the fact remains that this is a team that was only 6-6 last season (4-4 and tied for fifth in the Pac-10). They closed with a sad-sack, 45-25 loss to Air Force in the Oahu Bowl and saw coach Jim Lambright get cashiered in favor of

ex-Colorado boss Rick Neuheisel. Washington also saw its quarterback, Brock Huard, move on to the NFL. So there's plenty to prove in Seattle.

The defense, which returns eight starters, looks well ahead of the offense at this point. Neuheisel will try to keep things simple defensively, with a 3-4 front. The trio of tackle Mac Tuiaea, nose tackle Jabari Issa and outside linebacker Jeremiah Pharms had 21.5 sacks among them, and the inside linebacking trio of Lester Towns, Marques Hairston and Jeff Johnson is one of the best in the Pac-10. Promising sophomore Larry Tripplett could move into the other starting line spot, with Derrell Daniels and Jafar Williams challenging at outside linebacker along with redshirt freshman Anthony Kelley. The Huskies' secondary needs major improvement after finishing last in the Pac-10 in pass defense, giving up 271 yards a game. But three starters, cornerbacks Jermaine Smith and Toure Butler and free safety Hakim

Akbar (a Freshman All-America pick after making 59 tackles), return. Backup Anthony Vonture, is the likely starter at strong safety.

Offensive coordinator Karl Dorrell will try to incorporate about 60 percent of the attack he and Neuheisel ran last season at Colorado into the attack. Marques Tuiasosopo will take over for Huard at quarterback, with sophomores Willie Hurst and Braxton Cleman and highly touted freshman Paul Arnold looking to improve a subpar 1998 rushing attack. Dane Looker (64 catches), Chris Juergens, Gerald Harris and Joe Jarzynka form a decent receiving group, but the line is a huge question. The only returning starters are tackle Elliott Silvers and guard Chad Ward. Guard Dominic Daste broke a leg in spring practice. Punter Ryan Fleming is back, but Jim Skurski or freshman John Anderson may take over as placekicker for Jarzynka, so he can concentrate on being a receiver and kick returner.

## OREGON

**C**oach Mike Bellotti has shown a terrific touch with offense, in general, and quarterbacks specifically. He'll need it this season as the Ducks (8-4 overall, 5-3 in conference) try to replace quarterback Akili Smith, the Pac-10's offensive player of the year and a budding pro star, as well as fine tight end Jed Weaver and ace punter Josh Bidwell. The primary question is at quarterback, where Smith and backup Jason Maas are gone, and only inexperienced A.J. Feeley and Joey Harrington remain.

The other skill positions on offense should be fine, if tailback Reuben Droughns (824 yards rushing in five games) is recovered from leg injuries that ended his season early. Only one receiver in school history has bettered flanker Tony Hartley's totals, and Bobby Nero is expected to step in at the other wideout, replacing Damon Griffin. Chris Young returns at fullback.

There is some concern about the offensive line, though, since the only starter back is Deke Moen, who may move from center to guard. Scott Fergus and Josh Beckett may be at the tackles, with reserves Ryan Schmid and Jim Adams vying for the other starting interior spots, with Danny Pulido at tight end. Placekicker Nathan Villegas won All-America honors after leading the Pac-10 in scoring, and Bellotti hopes transfer Kurtis Doerr can approximate Bidwell's punting skills.

The defense, which was much improved last season and returns eight starters, may well have to carry the Ducks early. The most experience is at linebacker, where 1997 star Peter Sirmon, who played just three games before being felled by an injury last season, returns to join Dietrich Moore and Matt Smith. Saul Patu, Terry Miller and Caleb Smith could get a boost up front from quick, 300-pound transfer James Rose. And three starters—touted cornerback Rashad Baumann, rover Michael Fletcher and free safety Brandon McLemore—return in the secondary.

## CALIFORNIA

Coach Tom Holmoe is searching for an offense. The Bears were among the nation's best defensive teams last season, but their attack was the worst in the Pac-10. Cal finished 5-6 overall and 3-5 and in seventh place in the conference. Holmoe's team was just one win short of a bowl game.

Nearly all of the steel curtain-style defense of coordinator Lyle Setencich (which allowed just 340 yards a game) returns, led by five players with All-America aspirations: linebackers Sekou Sanyika and Matt Beck, linemen Andre Carter and Jerry DeLoach and free safety Pete Destefano.

*Todd Husack, Stanford*

Nose tackle Jacob Waasdorp again will join Carter and DeLoach up front, with help perhaps from transfer end Johnny Jackson, who had 30 sacks last season in junior college. If he's recovered from injuries, tenacious Nate Geldermann will help, too. Keith Miller, Jason Smith and Jamaal Cherry will bid to join Sanyika, who led the Pac-10 with 23 tackles for loss, and Beck. Sanyika and Beck may be the nation's top linebacking tandem. Cornerbacks Chidi Iwuoma and Deltha O'Neal (also an ace return man) and Damian Marzett figure to join Destefano in the secondary, but LeShaun Ward and Jameel Powell also might figure.

With Justin Vedder having graduated, the offense will be run by a new quarterback, likely little-used backup Samuel Clemons or redshirt freshman David Page. But hotshot freshmen Kyle Boller and Ryan Sorahan may get long looks from Holmoe, too. The new QB will be working with promising tailback Marcus Fields, who had four 100-yard-plus rushing games, and fullback Joshua White. The receiving corps, however, minus Dameane Douglas, is very green. Joel Young and Phillip Pipersburg will get first looks. The line should be good, with returnees John Romero, Langston Walker, Brandon Ludwig and tight end Brian Surgener. Strong-legged Nick Harris is a fine punter (44.7-yard average in the last five games), but placekicker Ignacio Brache was erratic.

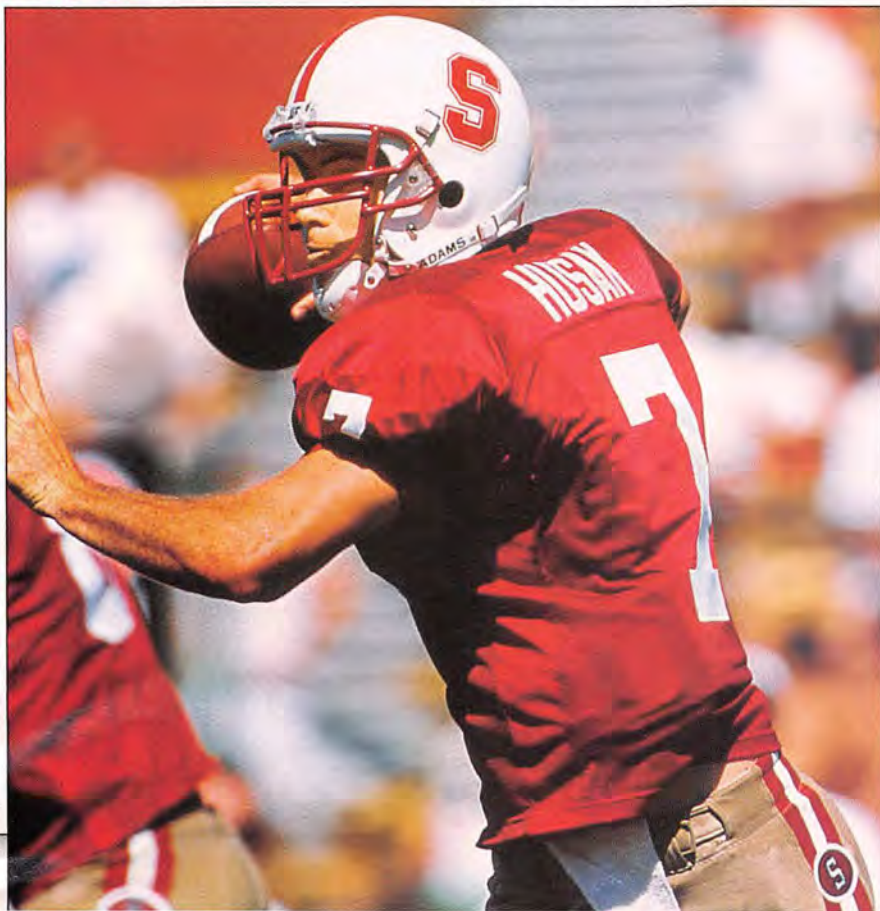


*Deltha O'Neal, California*

## STANFORD

As expected, the Cardinal struggled in 1998, with a 3-8 overall mark and a 2-6 finish and eighth-place tie in the conference. And while they should be better this season, a major move up would be a surprise, unless coach Tyrone Willingham can develop a running attack to complement 3,000-yard passer Todd Husak, and shore up a defense that gave up an average of 33 points a game.

The passing attack again will be the team's primary weapon, with senior Husak throwing to All-America candidate Troy Walters (52 receptions in an injury-plagued six games), fast-emerging DeRonnie Pitts (74 catches for 1,012 yards) and Dave Davis. But the Cardinal must get more out of an injury-plagued running corps headed by Coy Wire, Juan-Carlos Lacey, Brian Allen and Maxwell Stevenson that averaged only 75 yards a game on the ground. Freshmen Kerry Carter, a Canadian who weighs 225 pounds, and Texan Justin Faust could have an immediate impact. The up-and-down offensive line returns three-year starter Mike McLaughlin at center, Jeff Cronshagen at tackle, Eric Heitmann and Joe Fairchild at guard and Russell Stewart at tight end. Zack



Quaccia will challenge Fairchild, but the other tackle spot is wide-open.

The best defenders are tackle Willie Howard, who Willingham thinks is an emerging superstar, and senior safety Tim Smith, who had a league-high six interceptions. Canadian recruit Louis Hobson might challenge up front, where Sam Benner and Andrew Currie are back, along with Howard. Riall Johnson has been moved from end to outside linebacker to replace Donnie Spagan, with Sharcus Steen and Mark Stockbauer returning inside. Starters Chris Johnson, Ruben Carter and Simba Hodari should again team with Smith. But Kevin Miller's graduation leaves a hole at both placekicker and punter. Mike Biselli and walk-on Sean Tolpinrud may get first call.

## OREGON STATE

**D**oes Dennis Erickson know what he's getting himself into? The Oregon State program has been on its downers since just after he was a star quarterback at Montana State in the late 1960s. But, then again, maybe he's just the man to continue what Mike Riley, now coach of the San Diego Chargers, started, and finally guide the Beavers to a winning season. They just missed in 1998, finishing 5-6 (2-6 in conference play), and Riley left Erickson six offensive and five defensive starters to work with.

The new coach will throw first and run second. That means one running back and three wide receivers. Either sophomore Jonathan Smith or senior Terrence Bryant, both of whom started a year ago, will be at quarterback, with short (5-7) and powerful Ken Simonton (1,028 yards rushing) seemingly sure to be the tailback. Roddy Tompkins will man one receiver spot, but there's little experience among the other wideouts, with junior Robert Prescott and freshman James Newson possible starters. The offensive line has three starters back—honors candidate Keith DiDomencio at center, Aaron Koch at guard and Jason White at tackle. Vincent Sandoval and Jared Cornell may join them, with Martin Mauer or Mark Walsh at tight end. Punter Mike Fessler (39.1-yard average) returns, but placekicker Jose Cortez will have to be replaced.

Tackles Aaron Wells and Shawn Ball return to the Beavers' base 4-3 defense, along with middle linebacker Jonathan Jackson, cornerback Keith Heyward-

Johnson and fine free safety Terrence Carroll. But Erickson is concerned about his defensive depth. So transfers like ends DeLawrence Grant and LaDairis Jackson will be expected to contribute immediately. Micah Moore and James Allen are among the hopefuls at outside linebacker, while corners Ricky Walker and Samuel Gage and safeties Calvin Carlyle and Jake Cookus are looking to join Carroll and Heyward-Johnson in the secondary.

## WASHINGTON STATE

**C**oach Mike Price thinks his recruiting class is his best ever, and it may have to be if the Cougars are to rebound following a 3-8 season and a winless campaign (0-8) in the Pac-10—a huge drop-off after their Rose Bowl appearance behind Ryan Leaf two years ago.

Price will be working with eight offensive and nine defensive starters, and adds prep standouts like tight ends Josh Shavies and Isaac Brown, quarterback Matt Kegel (Leaf's cousin) and running back Deon Burnett. He'll also welcome transfers like defensive lineman Melvin Camarena and linebacker Curtis Holden.

Returning quarterbacks Steve Birnbaum and Paul Mencke could be challenged by newcomers, but no one should

displace offensive stars Kevin Brown, who set a WSU sophomore record with 1,046 yards rushing, and wide receiver Nian Taylor, who averaged 18.8 yards a catch. Taylor will get help from returnees Leaford Hackett and Jerry Roquemore, and tall transfers Milton Wynn and Marcus Williams. Three starters—guard Ryan Tujague, center Lincoln Walden-Schulz and tackle Reed Raymond—are back on the line, with Raymond's twin, Ryan, and Joe Criscione other possible starters. Corey Scott may replace Love Jefferson at tight end. The kicking game could be one of the nation's best, with returning placekicker Rian Lindell and punter Kareem Anderson.

The defense, which was hammered for 299 points in Pac-10 games, has one legitimate star in safety Lamont Thompson, but many questions otherwise. Austin Matson, Rob Meier and Jesse Ratcliff return up front, with touted freshman Jeremy Williams joining them. Steve Gleason and Brad Philley—who double as outfielders on the Cougar baseball team—and James Price return at linebackers. Chris Martin and Earl Riley again will work with Thompson in the secondary, where the departure of corner Dee Moronkola will hurt. Newcomers Mory Banks and John Williams may challenge Lejuan Gibbons for the other spot.

*Kevin Brown, Washington State*



# SEC

## Color the SEC Big Orange for a third straight season.

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**C**olor the Southeastern Conference orange—Big Orange. The Volunteers, formerly known as the Eastern Division bridesmaid, have painted a bright orange swath across the league. No longer the best "other team" in the SEC East, Tennessee is now *the* team—that designation not limited to regional superiority.

As the defending national champion, Tennessee not only carries that banner into the 1999 season, but is saddled with some high expectations as well. Not bad for a team that, for the first five seasons the SEC Championship Game was renewed, couldn't manage to finish better than second in its division. This season, the Vols will be seeking their third consecutive SEC championship and they appear to have the team to accomplish the task.

Tennessee will again be the team to beat in the East, with Florida and Georgia giving chase. In the West, there should be quite a dance. Arkansas has the experience and depth to win the crown, while Mississippi State has the same and a favorable league schedule (devoid of Tennessee, Florida and Georgia). Alabama should be improved, as should Ole Miss. LSU and Auburn could create a stir if some questions are answered. Look to the East, young man, for the power of the SEC; look to the West for the most interesting race.

The league suffered some losses, but has stepped in with replacements, adding to the interest surrounding the SEC's upcoming season. Former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch became the first pick in the NFL Draft, but Tennessee's Tee Martin and Georgia's Quincy Carter are still around, and Josh Booty, who originally signed with LSU out of high school in 1994, has given up professional baseball to step back under center again. Kevin Faulk is gone, but Rondell Mealey remains for the Tigers.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Tee Martin,  
QB, Tennessee

#### DEFENSE:

Kenoy Kennedy,  
DB, Arkansas

#### NEWCOMER:

Dontae Walker,  
RB, Mississippi State

### GAMES TO WATCH

Tennessee at Florida,  
September 18

Tennessee at Arkansas,  
November 13

Mississippi State  
vs. Arkansas  
(at Little Rock),  
November 20

### SEC EAST

## TENNESSEE

**R**ocky Top? Not for Tennessee, which posted an unbeaten record in claiming the national championship with a 23-16 victory over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. And it appears there won't be a rocky road for the Vols in their attempt to stay on top of the SEC this season. As they seek their third consecutive league title, there will be a lot of familiar, proven and talented faces in the team photo.

Fact is, when Tennessee coaches speak of question marks concerning this team, they aren't speaking of positions as a group, but merely as individual spots. When they talk of needing help on the offensive line, it's one position, not the entire group.

These are the Vols' trouble spots: fullback (Shawn Bryson is gone), linebacker (Al Wilson), left offensive guard (Mercedes Hamilton) and left cornerback

(Steve Johnson). There are good candidates for each of those spots. Toby Champion replaces Hamilton, Phillip Crosby will step in for Bryson, Keyon White-side will fill Wilson's spot and Andre Lott looks to get the nod at left cornerback.

The rest of the names are familiar. That's because Tennessee has 14 starters returning, including tailback Jamal Lewis, who suffered a knee injury in the fourth game of the year and missed the remainder of the season. Also back is quarterback Tee Martin, guard Cosey Coleman and offensive tackle Chad Clifton. Defensive backs Dwayne Goodrich and Deon Grant are back, as are defensive end Shaun Ellis, linebackers Eric Westmoreland and Raynoch Thompson, defensive tackle Darwin Walker and wide receiver Cedrick Wilson.

Even the loss of wide receiver Peerless Price, a key member of the Vols' championship run, will be made bearable because of the depth of talent at the wide receiver positions. As always seems to be the case, Tennessee is loaded with offensive standouts, especially at tailback and wide receiver—players who can make the big play and make it quickly.

The biggest change on offense was the loss of coordinator David Cutcliffe, who took the Ole Miss head coaching

## PREDICTIONS

### EAST

1. Tennessee
2. Florida
3. Georgia
4. Kentucky
5. South Carolina
6. Vanderbilt

### WEST

1. Arkansas
2. Mississippi St.
3. Alabama
4. Ole Miss
5. LSU
6. Auburn



Tee Martin, Tennessee

job. He has been replaced by Randy Sanders, who also coaches quarterbacks.

On defense, the secondary is deep in experience and ability and the line and linebacker corps feature much of the same.

## FLORIDA

The team that defined offensive fireworks with its Fun 'n Gun offense throughout the '90s will be more closely watched in the last college football season of the decade for its defense. That's because the Gators' defense will have to be almost completely rebuilt from the unit that was No. 1 in the SEC last season in total defense, opponents' third-down conversions, scoring defense and rushing defense.

How Florida performs in the trenches on defense will be as important as how they perform inside the red zone on offense. And there are some interesting comparisons there. All of the Gators' starting defensive front seven have departed, leaving a huge problem for this year's team. Also, defensive coordinator Bob Stoops left to become head coach at Oklahoma, creating another vacancy. In all, Florida has lost nine defensive starters from a year ago.

On the other hand, the offense that was so productive in recent seasons inside the red zone, scoring seven out of every 10 times it reached that part of the field, managed only four scores for every 10 trips last year and the figure dropped to three scores every 10 visits in SEC games. And the running game that had

*Doug Johnson, Florida*



enabled the passing game to be so effective suffered through a major drop-off in production, finishing No. 95 in the country in rushing.

All those areas were emphasized during spring drills.

The results? On offense, Doug Johnson, who missed spring practice while still healing from the broken leg he suffered in the Orange Bowl last year, will be the starting quarterback when fall practice begins, but Jesse Palmer will give him a push again. Both started six games last year. At running back, Terry Jackson is gone and his backup, Eugene McCaslin, has been moved to linebacker. That left Robert Gillespie, Earnest Graham and Chuck Marks sparring for the starting role.

At wide receiver, Travis Taylor is the top pick, with plenty of young, speedy candidates for the other spots. And there are plenty of spots thanks to coach Steve Spurrier's love of the pass and use of five receivers in some situations. The receivers—including Darrell Jackson and John Capel (who ran the 100 meters in 10.18 seconds this year in track)—are stronger, faster and better than last year's group. To protect the quarterbacks and give the receivers time to get open, eight of the Gators' top 10 linemen from last year are back, led by Kenyatta Walker, Cooper Carlisle, Zac Zedalis and Ryan Kalich.

The losses on defense go beyond the number of starters gone. Included in that group were eight NFL draft picks, five of them selected in the first three rounds. The biggest problem is on the line, where freshmen (incoming and redshirt) will have to make contributions. There will be a lot of new faces but missing will be the depth that usually accompanies the Gator defense.

## GEORGIA

Another reversal of fortunes can be found in Athens. Last season, the Dawgs had more quarterback candidates than Imelda Marcos has shoes, but after the stellar season enjoyed by freshman Quincy Carter, that number has severely dwindled.

Carter will be The Man again this season, but instead of five guys behind him, as was the case last year, he now only has two. The most recent defection was No. 2 quarterback Jon England, who decided to accept a high school coaching job instead of returning to play his final year of eligibility. That left sophomore



*Quincy Carter, Georgia*

walk-on Cory Phillips and true freshman Regan Torbert (who enrolled early) behind Carter. Earlier, Nate Hybl, Daniel Cobb and Michael Usry all announced they were transferring to other schools.

Georgia, 9-3 last season, still has Carter and 12 other returning starters back. That list includes offensive guard Steve Herndon, center Miles Luckie, guard Jonas Jennings, flanker Michael Greer, defensive tackle Richard Seymour, linebackers Orantes Grant, Dustin Locke and Adrian Hollingshed, free safety Larry Mann, cornerback Jeff Harris and kickers Wynn Kopp and Hap Hines.

Noticeably absent from the list is All-America defensive back-receiver-kick returner Champ Bailey, offensive lineman Matt Stinchcomb, running back Olandis Gary, tight end Larry Brown, offensive tackle Chris Terry and strong safety Kirby Smart.

If Georgia is to make a run at the crown it must find a way to fill those slots. In some cases, especially with running backs Jasper Sanks and Patrick Pass, there are candidates with big potential.

The Bulldogs plan is solid and, with Carter under center, the offense will always be dangerous and divergent. But candidates must be found to take the place of tackles Stinchcomb and Terry.

Defensively, the linebacker position is solid and there is good talent in the

secondary. Georgia will be looking for young players to fill some spots, especially in backup roles, along the line. The trouble spots? Georgia finished seventh in the SEC last year in total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense. That won't be good enough in the same division with Tennessee and Florida and point-happy Kentucky.

## KENTUCKY

This season will be the first for the Wildcats, B.C. (Beyond Couch). Having made coach Hal Mumme's offense work, ringing up points like a pinball machine, the Cats must now discover what the offense will be like without quarterback Tim Couch, the first selection in the NFL Draft. The successor appears to be Dusty Bonner, who took a redshirt season last year. Incoming freshman Jared Lorenzen may push Bonner for the job. During spring, when Bonner had the show to himself, he played well.

Although quarterback is the key position in Mumme's offensive system, there are also some other areas of concern for the Cats, including the receiving corps. Three key receivers, including Couch's favorite target, Craig Yeast, are gone, leaving the brunt of the work and expectations to Quentin McCord, Garry Davis, Dougie Allen, Jimmy Robinson and Vincent Harrison.

Great emphasis has been placed on improving the offensive line, which lost five starters. Aaron Daniel, Matt Brown and Omar Smith lead the way, but Kentucky's group will feature a lot of young players here, some with little experience. Again, depth is a problem. Anthony White and Derek Homer return to their spots as running backs. The tight end will be James Whalen.

Defensively, while Kentucky has scored a lot of points the past two seasons, it has sometimes had difficulty stopping opponents. There is some experience on this year's group. Strong safety David Johnson, linebacker Jeff Snedegar and end Dennis Johnson will be looked to for leadership. Some believe Dennis Johnson, a sophomore, is set to have a big season. With eight defensive starters returning, the Wildcats should be better at stopping people.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Lou Holtz leaves the security of his job as a college football analyst for CBS to return to the always-

second-guessed world of coaching. He picked a program with fans who desperately want to win but a talent level that isn't at the top of the class in the SEC. There are some bright spots, but Holtz will have to produce some more of the tricks he is known for if the Gamecocks are to be competitive.

After all, South Carolina was 1-10 overall last season and winless in the SEC. It was No. 10 in total defense, scoring offense and scoring defense and dead last in the league in turnover margin and rushing defense. There is plenty of room for improvement.

*Jermale Kelly, South Carolina*

## ALL-SEC TEAM

### OFFENSE

QB	Tee Martin	SR	Tennessee
RB	Jamal Lewis	JR	Tennessee
RB	Shaun Alexander	SR	Alabama
WR	Travis Taylor	JR	Florida
WR	Anthony Lucas	SR	Arkansas
TE	Joe Dean Davenport	SR	Arkansas
OL	Jeno James	SR	Auburn
OL	Cosey Coleman	JR	Tennessee
OL	Floyd Womack	JR	Mississippi State
OL	Chad Clifton	SR	Tennessee
OL	Chris Samuels	SR	Alabama
PK	Robert Bironas	JR	Auburn

### DEFENSE

DL	Jarvis Green	SO	LSU
DL	Jimmy Brumbaugh	SR	Auburn
DL	Leonardo Carson	SR	Auburn
DL	Dennis Johnson	SO	Kentucky
LB	Raynoch Thompson	SR	Tennessee
LB	Jamie Winborn	SO	Vanderbilt
LB	Travis Carroll	JR	Alabama
DB	Kenoy Kennedy	SR	Arkansas
DB	Arturo Freeman	SR	South Carolina
DB	Mark Roman	SR	LSU
DB	Dwayne Goodrich	SR	Tennessee
P	Jeff Walker	SR	Mississippi State

The offensive line is a major concern at the moment, but other aspects of the offense showed some improvement in the spring. South Carolina will run a pro-set offense that will feature the option, a Holtz trademark. Holtz's son, Skip, formerly the head coach at Connecticut, is the new offensive coordinator. A four-man front will be utilized on defense.

Graduated Anthony Wright is no longer available, but Phil Petty is established as the Gamecocks' quarterback. John Abraham moved from lineman to linebacker and enjoyed a good spring. Boo Williams will likely start at tailback, but the status of Troy Hambrick, who was told to concentrate on academics





**Anthony Lucas, Arkansas**

during the spring, is uncertain. Holtz moved many players to different positions, especially on the offensive and defensive lines, trying to find some depth and good combinations.

Arturo Freeman, an all-SEC defensive back who missed all of last season, returns to the lineup and is expected to spearhead the secondary. On the defensive line, Cecil Caldwell and Abraham will play key roles. Wide receiver Jermale Kelly will be an important part of the Gamecocks' offensive efforts.

On the schedule the Gamecocks will meet eight teams that earned bowl invitations last year.

## VANDERBILT

**F**irst the good news. The Commodores have a whopping 22 starters back from last year's team.

The bad news? They return from a team that posted a 2-9 record and won a single game in the SEC. They return from a team that finished last in the SEC in total defense, just a season after boasting one of the league's best defensive units. They return from a team that was 11th in rushing offense, 12th in scoring defense, 12th in scoring offense, 12th in total defense, 12th in total offense, 12th in passing efficiency, 12th in opponents' first downs and 12th in third-down conversions.

More bad news: Vandy is in the same division (and the same state) with defending national champion Tennessee; the same division with Florida and Georgia.

Heading the list for Vandy is linebacker Jamie Winborn, an all-SEC candidate who had 131 tackles last year. There's also cornerback Jimmy Williams and running back Rodney Williams. Wide receivers Tavarus Hogans and Nazih Hasanoglu are also back to catch passes from returning quarterback Greg Zolman. Yet Vandy threw for only eight touchdowns last year while opponents passed for 20 scores. The Commodores' top six receivers are back, but the leading pass-catcher had just 28 receptions for 366 yards and three TDs. The running game produced just 1,284 yards and six touchdowns.

## SEC WEST

### ARKANSAS

**T**his could be a Hog Wild West if the Razorbacks get some strong play on the offensive line. Arkansas is a team with 23 seniors, more experienced skill-position players than it has had in years and a defense that has quietly established itself as one of the best in the league.

There are just eight players for five offensive line spots, meaning some incoming players will have to fill some roles and the Hogs will need to remain healthy (as they were all last season) up front. Led by tackle Bobby Williams and center Kenny Sandlin, the players there are capable.

That brings the Hogs to quarterback Clint Stoerner, who has set several school passing marks with the deepest group of receivers (12 on scholarship) in the school's history. The group is led by

Anthony Lucas and Michael Williams. In the backfield there's more talent, with tailback Chrys Chukwuma, and incoming freshman Cedric Cobbs, a *Parade* All-America pick, could get a look there. Joe Dean Davenport is the tight end.

Arkansas' defense is the quickest and fastest group the school has fielded in several years. Seven starters are back, including free safety Kenoy Kennedy, linebacker Jeromy Flowers and cornerback David Barrett. Speed was the Razorbacks' biggest problem when it first entered the SEC. Literally, the Hogs couldn't keep up. That's not the case anymore. Plenty of experience is available up front, at linebacker and in the secondary. Orlando Green, who was facing some academic questions, may return at cornerback.

Coach Houston Nutt provided the Hogs with a winning game plan last season. This year, his recruiting efforts were strong as well. The schedule is manageable, the toughest stretch coming at the end of the season with games against Tennessee, Mississippi State and at LSU.

With Arkansas' improvements in talent at all positions has come an improvement in confidence as well. Boasting 23 seniors, this needs to be a big year for the Hogs.

## MISSISSIPPI STATE

**T**his is a team with a schedule for success. The Bulldogs play seven home games and manage to skip

**Wayne Madkin, Mississippi State**



games against the top three teams in the East Division (Tennessee, Florida and Georgia). The permanent East teams on the schedule are Vandy and Kentucky, and this year the rotating East foe is South Carolina. MSU's first four games are at home (Middle Tennessee State, Memphis, Oklahoma State and South Carolina). Then coach Jackie Sherrill's troops take back-to-back trips to schools picked to finish last in their divisions (Vandy and Auburn).

Yet the Bulldogs also have the talent for success. Wayne Madkin returns as the team's quarterback and it is his offense. James Johnson is now in Miami with Jimmy Johnson, but backup Chris Rainey returns as tailback. Watch out for highly touted true freshman Dontae Walker, a strong back with great speed who could be the starter by midseason. Redshirt freshman Justin Griffith will get work at tailback and fullback under new offensive coordinator Sparky Woods.

The wide receiver position isn't as deep as a year ago, but there is talent. Again, the Bulldogs' biggest complement to its backs is the offensive line, which features Floyd "Porkchop" Womack (6-3, 336 pounds). The problem is there is little depth on the line. Terrance McCaskey will be the tight end, replacing second-round NFL pick Reggie Kelly.

Seven starters are back on defense, and the front seven is strong, led by John Hilliard, Kevin Sluder and Alvin McKinley. Junior college transfer Dorsett Davis will make some plays up front as well. The secondary is in good shape, too, led by Robert Bean, Ashley Cooper and Kendall Roberson. Punter Jeff Walker is also back and could be the league's best.

MSU was No. 1 in the league in pass defense a year ago, fifth in total defense and third in turnover ratio. If the Bulldogs can keep their opponents' big plays to a minimum, this team could return to the SEC Championship Game for the second straight year.

## ALABAMA

**T**he new Crimson Tide may look like the old Crimson Tide, and that will be a welcome vision for Alabama fans this season. The first option on offense will be the run, with the pass being available as a solid option. Then, 'Bama will turn matters over to the defense.

The first pick for rushing chores will be Shaun Alexander, who is already getting the Heisman hype in Tuscaloosa. Alexander ran for 1,178 yards and 13



**Shaun Alexander, Alabama**

touchdowns last season and is the SEC's leading returning rusher. He'll receive rest from Shaun Bohanon and Ahmaad Galloway, with Dustin McClintock used at fullback.

They'll be given the ball by quarterback Andrew Zow, who won a tight battle during spring training for the starting nod over redshirt freshman Tyler Watts. Zow will be No. 1 to start the season, but look for Watts to play.

Five offensive linemen return to starting roles, led by Chris Samuels. Terry Jones will start at tight end. There's depth at wide receiver when the Tide wants to throw the ball, with Freddie Milons, Eric Locke and Tim Bowens leading the way. Offensively, Alabama should be more productive this season, having finished ninth in scoring last year.

Spring drills were especially productive for Alabama on defense, where the Crimson Tide developed depth at every position. Kenny Smith, Cornelius Griffith, Jamie Carter and Kindal Moorehead give the Tide one of the SEC's best defensive fronts. Travis Carroll, who suffered from a shoulder injury, is expected back at full speed at linebacker and will be joined by Canary Knight, Darius Gilbert and Miguel Merritt in leading the Tide at that spot. In the secondary, Fernando Bryant is gone, but Marcus Spencer, Shontua Ray (moved from running back), Reggie Myles and Tony Dixon give 'Bama plenty of talent there.

There is good incoming freshman talent, some of whom could gain playing time.

## OLE MISS

**N**ew head coach David Cutcliffe leaves the warm, fuzzy offensive coordinator's post at Tennessee to try and lead the Rebels to the top of the West. He arrives at an interesting time. The Rebels are beginning to shake off some of the debris of recent NCAA sanctions and the main cogs in the past four recruiting classes are now becoming productive players.

Cutcliffe has already won the hearts of the Ole Miss faithful with two accomplishments: leading the team to a 35-18 victory over Texas Tech in the Independence Bowl and signing quarterback Eli Manning (Archie's youngest son and brother of former Cutcliffe pupil Peyton Manning at Tennessee). The bowl win assured a good start and signing Manning may be a great step for the Rebels' future, although he may redshirt this season, especially with junior Romaro Miller back as the starter.

Cutcliffe will employ a multiple-pro offensive set to take advantage of Miller's abilities and those of the skill-position players around him. Deuce McAllister returns as the starting tailback, with Joe

Gunn adding depth. Chris Stackhouse will be the fullback. McAllister is Ole Miss' first 1,000-yard rusher since the 1950s.

Matt Luke will no longer be at center and his will be a tough spot to fill, with Charlie Perkins and Ben Claxton currently listed as co-starters there. The remainder of the offensive line is experienced and strong. Junior college transfer Kevin McKenzie will fill in for the early departing Rufus French at tight end. At wide receiver, Ole Miss will look to Grant Heard, Maurice Flournoy, Jamie Armstrong and Cory Peterson.

The defensive line is the real question mark for the Rebels. Two players there, Derrick Burgess and Antoine Scott, missed spring drills due to injuries. Still, they are expected to return to their starting spots and be joined by tackle Kendrick Clancy. Ken Lucas, who had split time on offense (wide receiver) and defense (secondary), worked only on defense in the spring but may still be featured on offense in some situations. All three linebackers return—Ronnie Heard, Armegis Spearmon and Eddie Strong—and the secondary is experienced as well.

## LSU

**I**s it time for a Booty Call in Baton Rouge? Josh Booty, who originally signed with LSU as a prep All-America quarterback in 1994, is finally going to play football for the school after giving up a professional baseball career that didn't pan out as he would have liked. Booty is one of the candidates for the starting quarterback position vacated by Herb Tyler. That spot is also being chased by Craig Nall and Rohan Davey. Booty threw the game-winning touchdown pass in the spring game but must make some more strides to be the starter for the season-opener against San Jose State.

Kevin Faulk is gone, too. In his place, Rondell Mealey is expected to take over as the team's starting tailback, with Josh Reed filling the backup role.

Each starter on the offensive line returns except center Todd McClure, a big loss. Tight end has some solid candidates and the wide receiver corps is perhaps the deepest position on offense, featuring Abraham Booty and Larry Foster. The biggest change will be that each of the three QBs leans toward the traditional, drop-back passing style instead of the rollout fancied by Tyler.

The reason for LSU's huge disappointment that was last season (4-7) was its defense, which finished 11th in total defense, 11th in stopping opponents on third-down conversions and ninth in scoring defense. Coordinator Lou Tepper heard plenty of criticism last season from Tiger fans, not to mention some boos, but head coach Gerry DiNardo is sticking with Tepper.

Also returning this season will be eight starters from that defensive unit. Leading the way is defensive back and All-America candidate Mark Roman, who was moved from free safety to left cornerback in the spring. Fred Booker moved from left cornerback to right cornerback and Ryan Clark and Damien Jones will battle for the starting free safety spot. Jarvis Green missed spring drills with a bad back but should be ready in the fall on the defensive line, where Johnny Mitchell also returns. The linebacker position is also solid. Jeremy Lawrence, a redshirt freshman, had a strong spring there.

The Tigers get a break by starting the season with three straight home games (San Jose State, North Texas and Auburn) and dropping Notre Dame and replacing it with Houston.

## AUBURN

**T**ommy Tuberville has made quite an impression in War Eagle country and hasn't coached a game there yet. The former Ole Miss coach, who arrives in Auburn on the heels of a disappointing and difficult season for the Tigers, has already made plenty of headlines. He cut six players from the team following spring drills, was faced with off-the-field problems concerning a trio of players (wide receivers Clifton Robinson and Reggie Worthy and running back Demontry Carter) and put the Tigers through one of their most grueling spring drills in years. He has also been criticized for Auburn's decision to drop Florida State as the season-opening opponent in favor of Appalachian State, not to mention stepping into the firestorm that marked the departure of former coach Terry Bowden.

Welcome to Auburn. And did we mention the Tigers finished last season 3-8 overall and 1-7 in the SEC? While he awaits the legal decisions surrounding Robinson, Worthy and Carter, Tuberville must find the right direction for the Tigers' fortunes this season. He will find many of the same problems faced by Bowden on offense, but he has a defense that will no

doubt be the anchor of this team. Defensively, Auburn has plenty of talent, but those traits will be needed because the offense lacks punch and depth.

At quarterback, Ben Laird and Gabe Gross are battling for the top spot, with Gross appearing to have earned the nod. Carter was listed as the starting tailback, but that role may now switch to Michael Burks, while Heath Evans gets the start at fullback.



Jeno James, Auburn

Jeno James leads an offensive line that returns four starters and tight end Jack Schwieger, but there is little depth. At receiver, Auburn still has questions, lots of questions, especially with the uncertainty surrounding the availability of Robinson and Worthy. Help could come in the form of incoming freshman Deandre Green if he clears academic-qualifying hurdles.

The defense is a completely different story. Using a 3-4 alignment, Auburn is deep on this side of the ball. Up front, Jimmy Brumbaugh returns after missing last season with an injury, and he's joined by all-SEC end Leonardo Carson. Quinton Reese and Marcus Washington also help out there. The linebacking corps is deep and strong. That's also the case in the defensive backfield.

Auburn's schedule has some tough spots, but not at first. The Tigers entertain Appalachian State and Idaho before visiting LSU.

# WAC

## Fresno State should take advantage of watered-down WAC.

BY LOREN JORGENSEN  
SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS

**I**t's still a conference that stretches from Honolulu to Houston—a distance of five time zones. It's a fact that it would be a shorter trip for Hawaii's Rainbow Warriors to fly to Tokyo to eat rice than it is for them to travel to Texas to play Rice. It still may be the strangest conference in the nation—and is easily the most spread out. But it's no longer a bloated, 16-team headache. With the defection of most of the longtime WAC members to form their own league, called the Mountain West Conference, the WAC is now down to a more manageable number of eight member schools.

Some felt the WAC would dissolve when football powers BYU, Air Force, Colorado State and five others bolted. That left the four Texas schools and Tulsa on one side of the league with two California schools and Hawaii on the other. Travel costs, no doubt, will be a burden, one that may prove fatal sometime in the future. For the time being, however, the WAC will give this new version the old college try and see what happens.

One positive aspect to the new-look league is that several teams should finish with winning records. The only current WAC member that was above .500 last season was Sun Bowl champion Texas Christian, at 7-5. With the cream of the previous WAC crop moving to the Mountain West, new-look WAC teams will have a better shot at producing winning campaigns. At least two will go bowling. The WAC has ties this season with the Las Vegas Bowl and the new game in Mobile, Alabama.

The WAC will also be one of the teams in the upstart Silicon Valley Bowl in San Jose, which has been sanctioned and will first be held in December 2000.

Four teams will likely be in the running for the league's two bowl spots in 1999. Fresno State is the favorite, but TCU, SMU and Rice will be fighting it out for the conference's other postseason game.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Billy Volek,  
QB, Fresno State

#### DEFENSE:

Jason Simonton,  
LB, SMU

#### NEWCOMER:

Josh Blankenship,  
QB, Tulsa

### GAMES TO WATCH

TCU at Fresno State,  
October 2

Rice at San Jose State,  
October 16

SMU at TCU,  
November 6

## FRESNO STATE

**I**n Billy Volek, a three-year returning starter at quarterback, the Bulldogs have the odds-on favorite for the league's offensive player-of-the-year award. Volek threw for 1,973 yards and only three interceptions as a junior. Even bigger numbers are expected out of him this season.

Gone is Jaime Kimbrough, who rushed for 1,168 yards a year ago, but Pat Hill's team should have a capable replacement in Paris Gaines, a hard-running, powerful junior. Charles Smith, who caught 42 passes for 621 yards and three scores, returns as Volek's top receiver for his sophomore campaign.

Defensively, the Bulldogs are led by inside linebacker Tim Skipper, who led the team with 108 tackles last season.

The Bulldogs went 5-6 overall last season, but were 5-3 in the WAC's Pacific Division—including

## PREDICTIONS

1. Fresno State
2. TCU
3. Southern Methodist
4. Rice
5. San Jose State
6. UTEP
7. Tulsa
8. Hawaii

a win over division champion BYU. As long as Volek stays healthy, the Bulldogs should be in a position to win their first WAC title since 1993.

## TEXAS CHRISTIAN

**N**o one could have expected Dennis Franchione's first season in Fort Worth to be so successful. But after taking New Mexico to a bowl game for the first time in decades in 1997, "Coach Fran," as his players call him, turned the Horned Frogs from a 1-10 embarrassment in '97 into the Sun Bowl champs of '98.

After other schools wooed him, TCU rewarded him to stick around with a seven-year contract that could pay him nearly \$900,000 per year counting incentives.

But the problem with TCU's breakout year is that now the bar has been raised. The expectations will be great. Fans wanting an improvement on last year's 7-5 season may get it, but then again...

The schedule-maker ensured it won't be easy for TCU to continue the momentum it had after beating USC in the bowl game. The home-opener on September 4 is against powerful Arizona. The following week the Horned Frogs will be in Big 10 country to face Northwestern.

By the time the WAC season opens on October 2 at league favorite Fresno State, TCU could easily be just 1-2 on the year.

The Horned Frogs had an outstanding running game a year ago, but Franchione would like the offense to become more balanced. The problem is that returning starting quarterback Patrick Batteaux—a leader on the field who runs the option with precision—is not a great passer.

## SOUTHERN METHODIST

**W**hile TCU fans are giddy about the new direction of their football fortunes, the truth is SMU may be the better of the two WAC teams in the Dallas/Fort Worth area this fall. That fact could have even been argued last season, as SMU beat TCU in the head-to-head meeting. In Mike Cavan's third year of coaching the Mustangs, SMU should compete for a league title.

Chris Sanders, who started seven games at QB last season, transferred to Tennessee-Chattanooga last winter. But Josh McCown, a starter in five games as a true freshman, had a solid spring and figures to take the reins.

Helping McCown's progress will be an impressive offensive line blocking for star running back Rodnick Phillips, who rushed for 1,115 yards and nine TDs in 1998.

Cavan's teams have won with defense and, after a shaky start, that was the case again last season. SMU gave up 146 points in the first three games, all losses, not surprisingly. But the defense became positively stingy after that, giving up an average of only

12.7 in the 'Stangs' final eight games. Senior middle linebacker Jason Simon-ton is a returning all-WAC player and a top candidate for defensive player-of-the-year honors.

## RICE

**K**en Hatfield's troops will either be broken down or battle-tested by the time league games roll around. They open the season with non-league road games at Houston, Michigan and Texas. Should the Owls survive without major injuries or psychological issues to deal with, they could become a sleeper in the race for the WAC crown.

Quarterback Chad Richardson returns for his senior season. He led a ground-oriented Rice attack that ranked fifth in the nation in rushing offense (257 yards per game), gaining 762 yards on the year himself with six touchdowns. Richardson isn't an accomplished passer, however. The loss of running back Michael Perry—the second-leading rusher in school history—leaves a hole, but Anthony Griffin looks capable of filling the void.

Linebacker Dan Dawson led the team in tackles last year as a freshman. He will be counted on for even more this season after the graduation Rice's other two starting linebackers.

## SAN JOSE STATE

**T**he Spartans didn't stop many people last season—they ranked 111th (out of 112) in rushing defense and 97th in total defense—but they were still improved in Dave Baldwin's second season as the coach. San Jose State went 4-8 (3-5 in the WAC). The Spartans have not-unrealistic hopes of producing their first winning season since 1992 this fall.

Baldwin had two experienced quarterbacks to choose from during spring drills. Senior Chris Kasteler emerged to earn the starting spot entering the fall over sophomore Marcus Arroyo. Kasteler had an up-and-down year as a junior. He completed 52 percent of his passes for 1,505 yards and a dozen touchdowns in Baldwin's "fast break" offense, but struggled in the final two games of the year and was benched.

Tailback Deonce Whitaker, at just 5-6, returns for his junior season. He averaged 5.4 yards per carry last year, gaining 719 yards and scoring seven touchdowns.

The strength of last year's defense,

the secondary, was hit hard by graduation. Junior college transfers like corner-back Carlos Koustas and safety Anwar Johnson will be thrown right into the fire.

## UTEP

**T**he Miners' offense was mediocre last season, but that was a huge improvement from the anemic offense of two years ago. UTEP ranked 51st in total offense a year ago, about middle of the pack for I-A schools. In '97 they were 97th in offense, however.

With quarterback Rocky Perez returning and a new offensive coordinator in Gary Nord, the Miners hope to become more potent. Nord has implemented an offense that will have some four-receiver sets, but will also employ the option on occasion.

Free safety Eric Gibson is a star on the defensive side of the ball. Seven starters return to a solid defensive group.

UTEP's chances for a winning record will be hurt by a brutal schedule. The Miners face four '98 bowl participants (Oregon, Kansas State, Arizona and TCU) and WAC favorite Fresno State, all on the road.

## TULSA

**D**ave Rader, just 48-74-1 in 11 years with the Golden Hurricane—including a 4-7 mark last year—was nonetheless rewarded with a four-year contract extension during the offseason. With newfound security, Rader will attempt to lead his team to its first winning season since 1991.

Tulsa will attempt to build on its surprising 35-0 win over Wyoming to close out the '98 season. Quarterback Michael Wall, who has started five games in his career, earned the full-time starting job during spring workouts.

Wall will have a couple of fine receivers to throw to in Damon Savage and Jerrold Smith. Savage caught 42 passes for 488 yards and five scores in '98.

Tulsa's defensive front was vastly improved a year ago. The Hurricane finished the year 111th in total defense in '97, but improved to 42nd last year. Tulsa will need newcomers to come through if the improvement is to continue.

## HAWAII

**J**une Jones left the San Diego Chargers for an island paradise, only to find a lousy football team. Jones,

who served as the Chargers' interim head coach last year, could have stayed in the NFL and made more money but decided the opportunity to rebuild his alma mater's disintegrating program was just too enticing.

The good news for Jones is that the Rainbow Warriors have nowhere to go but up. Hawaii currently owns an 18-game losing streak. The Rainbows open the '99 campaign against USC, so chances are the streak will become 19 straight. It should come to an end during the second week of the season, however, when the Rainbows host I-AA Eastern Illinois.

Jones is implementing the run-and-shoot attack he employed while coaching the Atlanta Falcons. He has a mature quarterback to run it for him in Dan Robinson, a married 25-year-old who spent two years on a Mormon church mission in addition to a medical redshirt year—making him seven years removed from high school. Robinson threw for 2,155 yards and 11 touchdowns a year ago, but he was intercepted a dozen times.

While it may take a few years, Hawaii thinks it has the right man for the job in Jones. He is committed to recruiting the islands and keeping the best talent at home, which hasn't been happening over the last decade or so.

*Damon Savage, Tulsa*



# MOUNTAIN WEST

## MWC gets best of old WAC, which means another title fight for BYU, Air Force.

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**F**or two years athletic directors of the "old WAC" tried to put on a happy face and talk about the benefits of being a part of the nation's largest conference, a 16-team league stretching from Honolulu to Houston and covering five time zones.

But enough was enough. It was bad enough that longtime rivalries were put on hold for as many as four years because teams were in different "divisions" in football. The real kicker, however, was that it just wasn't making financial sense. Television and bowl revenues didn't increase and were being divided 16 ways instead of 10.

So prior to the third and final bloated WAC campaign, the four remaining original members of the WAC—BYU, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming—along with companions Colorado State, San Diego State and Air Force, decided to bolt and form a league of their own last summer. They then invited UNLV—with its rich basketball tradition, growing media market and local bowl game—to join them to make it an eight-team league.

So the "old WAC" is back. Only now it's called the Mountain West Conference or MWC.

This may take some getting used to.

In any event, the MWC should be a far superior football league to what's left of the WAC. Both WAC division champions (Air Force and BYU) are in the new league, as are the runners-up (San Diego State and Wyoming). In fact, of the seven WAC teams that finished with winning overall records last season, six are now members of the Mountain West. The only returning WAC school that was above .500 was TCU, which finished just 4-4 in the league, but was 7-5 overall, including a Sun Bowl victory over Southern Cal.

Any one of those top six teams from a year ago has reason to believe it can compete for the first-ever MWC football title this season. Only New Mexico and UNLV aren't considered title contenders.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Brigham Young
2. Air Force
3. San Diego State
4. Colorado State
5. Utah
6. Wyoming
7. New Mexico
8. UNLV

BYU for breaking the school's strict honor code a second time.

With Jenkins no longer around, the Cougars promise to put the ball in the air with abandon like the old days. Quarterback Kevin Feterik threw for 2,718 yards and 16 TDs last season, with just six interceptions. Bigger things are expected from him during his senior season. BYU installed a shotgun offense similar to Tulane's during spring practices. They plan to use it more than half the time.

The offensive line lost a couple of NFL draft picks in John Tait and Joe Wong, but will still be big and strong anchored by returning guards Matt Johnson and John Skiba and center Jimmy Richards. Speedy receiver Margin Hooks (49 catches, 732 yards) should be Feterik's top target again. BYU's running game will be emphasized less, but sophomore tailback Junior Mahe (98 carries, 481 yards) has potential, as do highly touted freshmen Luke Staley and Fahu Tah.

Rob Morris, the reigning WAC Pacific Division defensive player of the year and a Butkus Award candidate, will anchor the defense from his middle linebacker position. Other stalwarts on the defense include lineman Byron Frisch and cornerbacks Brian Gray and Heshi Robertson. The placekicking is in good shape with Owen Pochman, who made 20 of 27 field goals last year, including nine of 10 from 40-49 yards.

### AIR FORCE

**T**he Falcons are flying, having gone 22-4 the past two seasons. Air Force, which routed Washington in the Oahu Bowl to cap off the '98 season, finished the

*Matt Farmer, Air Force*

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Mike Anderson,  
RB, Utah

#### DEFENSE:

Rob Morris,  
LB, BYU

#### NEWCOMER:

Jeremi Rudolph,  
RB, UNLV

### GAMES TO WATCH

Colorado State at BYU,  
September 16

Air Force at SDSU,  
October 2

Utah at BYU,  
November 27

### BRIGHAM YOUNG

**T**he Cougars dominated the WAC for so long—winning 18 league titles in the 27 years after LaVell Edwards became the coach in 1972—that it only seems right that they be tabbed the early favorites for the new league's first crown. Edwards' team won the Pacific Division title last season before being edged by Air Force in the league championship game and then getting ripped by Tulane in the Liberty Bowl.

BYU, believe it or not, was a run-first, pass-second team in '98, in large part because of Ronney Jenkins' prowess. He was perhaps the best running back in school history. But Jenkins won't be terrorizing MWC defenses this year, even though he would have only been a junior. He transferred to Northern Arizona after being expelled from



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year 12-1 and ranked 10th in the nation in the *USA Today* coaches' poll. Only Tennessee has more victories over the past two years than the Falcons.

But for the first time in five seasons the Falcons won't be quarterbacked by a Morgan. Blaine Morgan ran the wishbone for three years before making way for his brother Beau two seasons ago. All Beau did was post a 20-3 mark in games he started to graduate as the winningest quarterback in AFA history.

Senior Cale Bonds, who started two games last year while Morgan was injured, figured to be the starter this year, but his progress was slowed by a broken throwing hand that kept him out of spring drills. Mike Thiessen, a junior, will battle for the starting job this fall, but he, too, missed much of spring practice, but not because of injury. He is a shortstop on the Falcon baseball team. Keith Boyea could be the answer if the other two can't get the job done.

The best news for coach Fisher DeBerry is that his offense will be strong in the trenches. Back are all-league tackles James Norman and Mike Roberts, as well as center Matt Dayoc and guard David Hildebrand. Receiver Matt Farmer had a big year in a run-oriented offense (35 catches, 650 yards) and may be counted on for more this season as a part-time halfback. Qualario Brown, who rushed for 521 yards last year, is the leading returning halfback, although he had toe surgery on his left foot and missed spring drills. Scott McKay, who averaged 6.5 yards per carry last year, figures to start at the other halfback, with Scott Becker as the top fullback.

The Falcons return only five defensive starters from a team that surrendered just 13.3 points per game a year ago. Lineman Shawn Thomas, who led the team in tackles for loss (15) and sacks (eight), returns as one defensive tackle. Inside linebackers C.J. Zanotti and Craig Thorstenson will be tough, while cornerback Tony Jones leads the secondary.

## SAN DIEGO STATE

**B**rian Russell stepped in at quarterback, started the final nine games of the season and led the Aztecs to their first bowl game since 1991. But Russell was in a fight for his job in the spring with junior college transfer Jack Hawley. Russell, thanks to his experience and knowledge of the offense, ended up on

top, at least for now. Hawley has a stronger arm and can throw the ball downfield better, which is something SDSU coach Ted Tollner would like to do more of this year.

The Aztecs return perhaps the best one-two rushing tandem in the conference in tailbacks Jonas Lewis and Larry Ned. The duo rushed for a combined 1,659 yards last year, each averaging five yards per carry. Ned had 100-yard games in his first four starts, including a 146-yard game against Arizona, before being hampered by injury. Lewis had a 173-yard game against New Mexico, but he re-aggravated a hamstring injury in spring ball and may not be fully recovered by the start of fall camp.

Another big-play man for SDSU is receiver-return specialist Damon Gour-dine. He returned three punts for touchdowns and caught 55 passes for 649 yards. The offensive line is anchored by all-league center Mike Malano.

The Aztecs, over the years, have been known for their offense, but last season's team tied BYU for the Pacific Division title thanks to defense. The 20.4 points per game allowed were the fewest given up by an SDSU team since 1970. Six starters, led by All-America line candidate Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, are back. Other stalwarts on defense include linebacker Joey Mayo and strong safety Rico Curtis. Mayo, a second-team all-league performer last year, was second on the team in tackles with 86, three behind Curtis' 89 stops.

## COLORADO STATE

**A** testament to how far the program has come under Sonny Lubick is that the 1998 season, in which the Rams went 8-4, was looked at as a disappointment by fans. It was only a few years ago that an 8-4 mark in Fort Collins was unheard of.

But on the heels of CSU's remarkable 11-2 run and Holiday Bowl title in 1997, more was expected a year ago since many of the team's stars returned. The expectations won't be quite as lofty this season, even though the Rams should again challenge for a league title.

A major order of business in the spring was finding a quarterback to replace Ryan Eslinger. Matt Newton, a junior, appears to have won the job over sophomore Jon Boyer and redshirt freshman Steve Cutlip. Newton threw for 246 yards as Eslinger's backup a year ago.

A healthy Kevin McDougal would

take a great deal of pressure off their inexperienced quarterback. McDougal rushed for 1,111 yards in '97 before suffering a shoulder injury in the first game last year. He still managed to gain 547 yards in seven outings. The offensive line lost a pair of stars in Mike Newell and Anthony Cesario, but returns three-year starter Blane Saipaia and Tim Stuber. Saipaia was moved to center from tackle during the spring.

The defense includes all-league end Clark Haggans, who is already second in school history with 26 sacks. He is three shy of the CSU record. Meanwhile, Lubick has called Rick Crowell the best linebacker he's ever coached. He had 87 tackles last season.

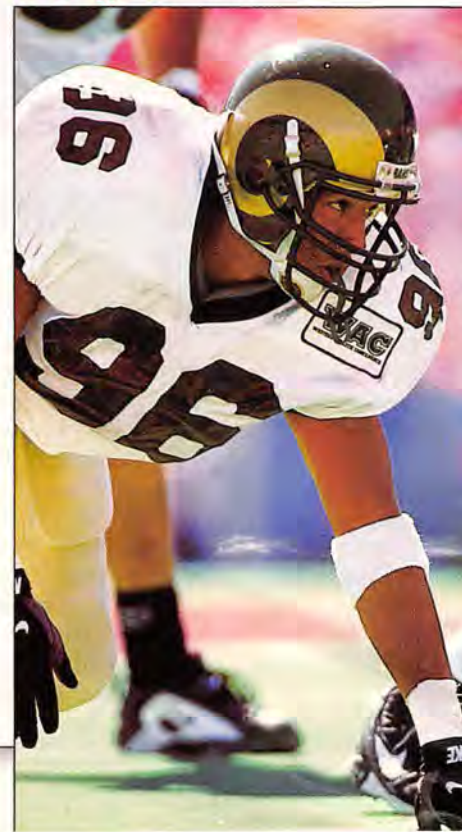
Deone Horinek should be the best punter in the league. He averaged 44.8 yards per boot a year ago, sixth best in the nation.

## UTAH

**T**he Utes came within a couple of place kicks of having a fine season last year. Instead, their 7-4 mark was a major disappointment. Missed chip-shot field goals in the final seconds of an overtime loss to SDSU and a two-point setback to BYU kept Ron McBride's club out of the WAC title game and a bowl.

Utah returns the WAC's leading running back in Mike Anderson, who rushed for 1,173 yards and 12 touchdowns in 11 games last year. Backing up

*Clark Haggans, Colorado State*



Anderson is Omar Bacon, who gained 718 yards with nine scores himself a year ago.

Also returning is quarterback Darnell Arceneaux, who is an exciting playmaker—at least when he's on the field. He's been injury prone, playing in only six games last season. He sat out spring workouts while recovering from shoulder surgery, but should be ready to go in the fall. The Utes hope so. Arceneaux is 6-0 as a starter. Tony Alvarez, a juco transfer from Palomar (Calif.) College, was with the team in the spring and is the likely backup quarterback. Utah is also hoping that JC transfers Dennis Smith and Stevonne Smith (no relation) will come in and make big plays immediately.

All-league linebacker Kautai Olevao is the top returning defender. He led the team with 77 tackles last season. Defensive end John Frank is another all-league performer back for another season, while the secondary is led by Teneil Ethridge, a third-year starter at one of the corners.

## WYOMING

**C**owboy coach Dana Dimel was hoping to light up the scoreboard this season with a potent offense. He was tired of his team playing good enough defensively, but not being able to put enough points on the board to win as much as he would like. So, he and new offensive coordinator Manny Matsakis attempted to install the "Triple Shoot," a wide-open, one-back, four-receiver set, during the spring. The idea was for the Cowboys to be able to run the ball in a traditional sense, run the option and throw the ball out of the formation. They may not use it after all, however, because they don't know if they have the right personnel.

The Cowboys return quarterback Jay Stoner, who threw for 2,373 yards and 11 touchdowns last season during an 8-3 campaign. Gone is leading rusher Marques Brigham, but Tim Beasley was a solid backup who will step into the starting role. Wendell Montgomery gives Stoner his favorite target back. Montgomery caught 57 passes for 789 yards a year ago, but, surprisingly, didn't get into the end zone at all. Kofi Shuck, who scored three touchdowns, also returns. He caught 35 passes for 559 yards last year.

Defense should be the strength of the Cowboys. They gave up a lot of yards last season, but not a lot of points. The secondary could be the best in the league, led by cornerback Robbie Dun-



Jay Stoner, Wyoming

can and free safety Al Rich. Jeff Boyle, a defensive tackle, is another defensive star. Dimel also likes the depth of his linebacking corps led by starters Herman White, Adrian Hill and Cortney Barnes.

## NEW MEXICO

**T**he Lobos may have the best all-around player in the league in safety Brian Urlacher. He led the nation in tackles last year with 178. Then again, if a safety is making 178 tackles, it's probably not a good thing. Still, Urlacher is the real deal and may even see some action at wide receiver. Other top defenders include cornerback Marcus McDavid and middle linebacker Mike Barnett.

Graham Leigh, an all-conference quarterback the past two seasons, has graduated, leaving second-year coach Rocky Long, a former Lobo quarterback himself, with a decision to make in the fall in regards to a starting signal-caller. Eric Jaworsky came out of spring practice as the leading candidate, but he will be pushed by junior college transfer Sean Stein.

The running game will be bolstered by the addition of fullback Ted Iacenda, a transfer from Southern Cal. Iacenda, a strong blocker at 230 pounds, was a Super Prep Bluechip All-America in high school. He will also be counted on as a runner and receiver. The tailback duties will be shared by speedy Reginal "The Rocket" Johnson and converted wide receiver Rishard Stafford. The strength of the offense should be at receiver where Martinez Williams, Germany Thompson and Kirk Robbins return.

Williams led the team with 49 catches for 760 yards and seven scores. Thompson and Robbins combined for 62 catches and seven TDs.

## UNLV

**T**he Rebels suffered through an 0-11 season in '98. But school officials feel the program is headed in the right direction after landing a new, big-name coach. John Robinson, who sandwiched nine years with the Los Angeles Rams between two stints at USC, is taking to Las Vegas like Siegfried and Roy. Robinson replaces Jeff Horton, who was 6-39 in his final four years with the Rebels.

Robinson, 63, enters the 1999 season as the nation's sixth-winningest active coach with a career record of 104-35-4, a .741 clip. His Trojan teams were 7-1 in the postseason, including a 4-0 mark in the Rose Bowl. He hopes to turn the UNLV program into the next Kansas State. He also is high on UNLV's new league.

Robinson's first recruiting class was in the top half of the league, but it will probably still take a couple of years for the Rebels to be competitive. Junior college transfer Jason Vaughan figures to be the starting quarterback. Helping him out will be running back James Wofford, who rushed for 816 yards last season, and newcomer Jeremi Rudolph, a JC transfer who originally signed with Florida State out of high school. The top wide receiver should be Len Ware, who caught 39 passes for 500 yards last season.

The defense will be led by James Sunia, who led the team with 115 tackles from his linebacker spot last season as a freshman. ■

# I-A INDEPENDENTS

## Irish look to rebound from late '98 slide behind Jackson.

BY RANDALL MELL  
SUN-SENTINEL OF FORT LAUDERDALE

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

**Tim Rattay,**  
QB, Louisiana Tech

#### DEFENSE:

**Lamont Bryant,**  
DE, Notre Dame

#### NEWCOMER:

**Jordan Black,**  
OT, Notre Dame

### GAMES TO WATCH

**Louisiana Tech at  
Florida State,**  
August 28

**Notre Dame at  
Michigan,**  
September 4

**Southern Cal at  
Notre Dame,**  
October 16

**Navy at Notre Dame,**  
October 30

**Notre Dame at  
Tennessee,**  
November 6

**Army vs. Navy in  
Philadelphia,**  
December 4

### NOTRE DAME

**T**he Fighting Irish stumbled out of the 1998 season, and there's a fear they may stumble into '99 if some newcomers don't step forward early.

The running game must be rebuilt with inexperienced backs making their way behind an unproven offensive line. The heart of the defense (three starting linebackers) is gone with a new trio of linebackers learning a new 4-3 scheme. Plus, the schedule is typically Notre Dame tough.

After a 9-1 start last season, the Irish ended their regular season with a 10-0 loss at Southern Cal and a 35-28 loss to Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl. With seven new starters on offense and four on defense, third-year coach Bob Davie has some work to do.

"You look at the youth of this team, and you look at the schedule, and there's some concern," Davie says.

Senior quarterback Jarious Jackson and a veteran defensive line and secondary give Notre Dame faithful hope. If some youthful players can step up early on the offensive front and at linebacker, the Irish should be ready for their biggest challenge, defending champion Tennessee at Knoxville on November 6.

Jackson threw 13 touchdowns to just six interceptions a year ago, and he was the team's second-leading rusher with 441 yards. He'll get some help with Kevin Rogers, hired from Syracuse as the

new offensive coordinator. Rogers helped develop Donovan McNabb into a first-round draft pick last season. Still, the Irish lost 4,318 career yards in rushing with the graduation of all-time Notre Dame rushing leader Autry Denson. They return 583 yards. Junior Tony Driver, a former *Parade* All-America tailback who switched to safety last year, is back on offense looking to pick up where Denson left off. He'll be working behind an offensive front that features senior center John Merandi as the only returning starter. Four of the top five pass-catchers do return, including imposing junior tight end Jabari Holloway.

The defense will be built on a solid foundation with all four starters back up front and four quality reserves in the wings. Senior tackle Brad Williams and senior defensive end Lamont Bryant (seven sacks in '98) set the tone up front with seniors Deke Cooper and A'Jani Sanders anchoring the secondary.

### LOUISIANA TECH

**T**here's a new head coach and a new offensive coordinator in place, but Bulldogs fans are more than comforted by the fact that the nation's most prolific passer is back.

Senior Tim Rattay returns to try to make coach Jack Bicknell III's first season a success.

Rattay is among 18 returning starters, nine each on offense and defense, who are looking to improve upon last year's 6-6 record. He broke eight Louisiana Tech passing marks a year ago. He threw for 4,943 yards with 46 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. He wasn't running it up on the Boise States of the world, either. Rattay rocked Nebraska with 590 yards passing. Though standout receiver and first-round NFL draft pick Troy Edwards is gone after pulling in a staggering 140 catches a year ago, Rattay has lots of targets coming back as well as four of five starters on the offensive front. Sophomore receivers James Jordan (56 catches) and Delwyn Daigre (40) and junior Sean Cangelosi (33) should be even better.

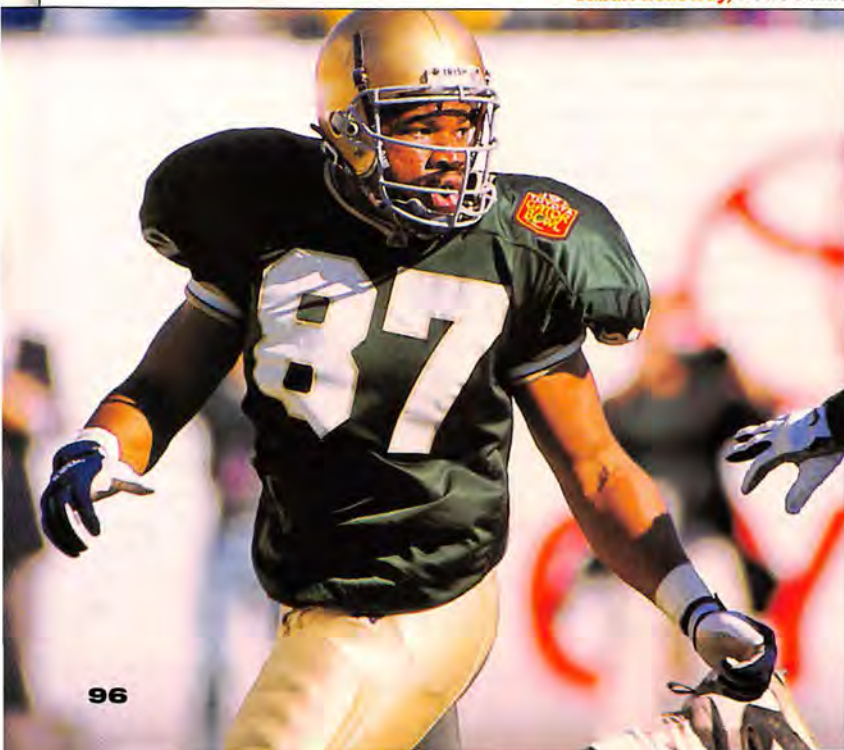
The defense must improve significantly if the Bulldogs want to step up in class. Seniors Otis Pitts, Jerome King and Jarrett Procell anchor an experienced line, with safety Bobby Gray leading the secondary.

*Jabari Holloway, Notre Dame*

### CENTRAL FLORIDA

**D**aunte Culpepper's gone. The strong-armed quarterback who led the Knights to their most successful season at 9-2 will be difficult to replace, and he isn't alone. Second-year coach Mike Kruczek must replace eight starters on offense but just four on defense.

The top two receivers and top running back and three starters on the offensive front are gone from last year. Junior Kelvin Robinson or junior college transfer Victor Penn, a former South Carolina quarterback, will likely have the difficult task of following Culpepper. There are some reliable targets returning with senior Charles Lee (46 catches) and junior Kenny Clark (40 receptions and six touchdowns) lining up as receivers. There's also hope in rebuilding around



a deep running back unit that has junior Edward Mack, JC transfer Terrance Williams and sophomore Omari Howard poised to step up.

The defense has some holes to fill, too, but not on the line, where senior tackle Justen Moore (eight sacks) is among four returning starters up front. Senior middle linebacker Deaubrey Devine, senior cornerback Jeff Fye and senior strong safety Damien Damps should flourish behind that front. The biggest challenge is a nasty September schedule with Purdue at home and away games against Florida, Georgia Tech and Georgia.

## NAVY

If the Midshipmen are going to bounce back from last year's 3-8 record, they'll need to play better defense. Coach Charlie Weatherbie brought in Ohio University's Tim DeRuyter to install a new 3-4 scheme. Navy struggled through a stretch last year when the defense yielded 30 or more points in seven consecutive games.

"I think the 3-4 is a good fit because we tend to get more kids who fit the linebacker mold more than down linemen," Weatherbie says.

There are seven starters back on defense, six on offense.

The defense needs some playmakers to step up in the new alignment. The unit forced few turnovers and made few critical stands. Senior strong safety Jamie Doffermyre returns as the leading tackler.

There are some playmakers back on offense, including junior quarterback Brian Broadwater, who became the third quarterback in school history to rush for more than 200 yards in a game with a 216-yard effort against Colgate. The offensive line could be the strength of the unit. Senior center Terrance Anderson is among the nation's best centers. Senior tackle Kostas Hatzidakis also a standout.

## NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

The Indians brought back an old friend in hopes he will lead them on a new course. Bobby Keasler, formerly an offensive and defensive coordinator for Northeast Louisiana, returns as the school's 10th head football coach. He was hired from McNeese State, where he led the school to the I-AA national championship game in 1997. He was an assistant on the Northeast Louisiana staff when the school won the I-AA national title in 1987. He'll be looking to lead the



Pat Dennis, Northeast Louisiana

Indians to their first winning season since moving up to the I-A ranks six years ago.

Seven starters return on offense and six on defense from last year's 5-6 team. Senior center Shane Pittard is a standout among four returning starters to the offensive line. Sophomore quarterback Andre Vige is also back, but redshirt freshman Andy Chance moved ahead of him in spring drills. The defense will be led by standout senior defensive end Jonathan Foster, who had seven sacks a year ago, and junior cornerback Pat Dennis, who had seven interceptions in '98.

## SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Coaches like to say every position is up for grabs in the spring, but first-year coach Jerry Baldwin meant it. He inherited a bad football team with lots of work to do to rebound from the 1-10 and 2-9 marks of the last two seasons. It's a team that yielded more than 70 points not once, but twice last season. Offenses raced through the defense at an alarming rate of 509 yards per game. The Ragin' Cajuns' offense wasn't much better. It's a sad commentary when the team's most productive returning player is the punter, senior Chris Shaw, who set records for punts and punting yards (79 for 3,213 yards).

Baldwin will try to rebuild an offense around the deepest position, running backs. Juniors Elvis Joseph, Darren Brister and John Bernard combined to rush for 1,200 yards last season. Though he wouldn't mind rotating backs, Baldwin would prefer to end the merry-go-round

at quarterback. Still, senior Barton Folse and sophomore Derek Dyer might share the spot again this year.

The biggest problem offensively is also a problem defensively.

"We're very thin in both the offensive and defensive lines," Baldwin says.

Senior defensive end Danny Scott returns to lead the defense after recording eight sacks a year ago. Senior Dwayne Viator returns to anchor the unit as middle linebacker, with play-making sophomore Matt Cieslak back in the secondary.

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST.

New coach Andy McCollum is hoping that a harvest of 13 junior college transfers will ease Middle Tennessee's transition to its first year of Division I-A competition.

McCollum has 36 returning lettermen, including 12 starters, from a team that finished third in its last season in the Ohio Valley Conference. Major improvement is needed along both lines, where the Blue Raiders are weak and thin, if MTSU expects to get close to last season's 5-5 mark.

There is some talent on offense, where southpaw quarterback Wes Counts returns after a solid '98 campaign that saw him throw for 1,541 yards and only two interceptions while ranking first among NCAA freshmen in passing efficiency. He'll get help from tailback Kelverrick Green (608 yards rushing, 6.0 yards per carry) and wideout Kendall Newson, who had 30 receptions.

Defensively, where the Blue Raiders will switch to a 3-4 under new coordinator Miles Aldridge, junior free safety Mario Kelso is a blossoming star. ■

# ATLANTIC 10

## Defending I-AA champ UMass a good bet to repeat in tough A-10.

BY CHUCK NEWMAN  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

**T**he Atlantic 10 is only in its third year of existence and the claim of being the top I-AA conference last year may be premature. Maybe not. There is evidence. Not only do the cold statistics reinforce that contention, but last season's national championship by Massachusetts gives it further credibility.

Consider:

The league had the Walter Payton Award winner in New Hampshire running back Jerry Azumah. William & Mary quarterback Mike Cook was a finalist.

UMass coach Mark Whipple was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, which honors the top coach. Villanova's Andy Talley won it in 1997.

Massachusetts became the first A-10 team to win the national championship. Three conference teams reached the playoffs—Connecticut making it to the second round and Richmond also making the field, losing by one point to Lehigh.

Five league teams were in the final *ESPN/USA Today* Top 25 poll: Connecticut (ninth), Richmond (10), William & Mary (17) and Delaware (23).

There should be no falloff this year. Massachusetts must be considered a threat to repeat. Delaware is always dangerous, while Villanova, last year's preseason favorite, also must be considered.

### MID-ATLANTIC

#### VILLANOVA

**T**he Wildcats appeared to have it all going into 1998. They posted the best record in school history the year before, going unbeaten in the regular season. They had what appeared to be a lethal offense and tough defense that could easily translate into a national championship contender.

Things happen.

The offense had a predictably big year, the defense an unpredictable not-so-good year, partially because of injuries. A 3-0 league record became 4-4 by the end as the Wildcats ranked next to last in total defense.

That will have to change this season if the Wildcats are to contend in maybe the nation's toughest I-AA league. And that won't be easy since ends Chris Machovina and Jason Gattuso, who combined for 55 career sacks, have graduated. That is not good news in a league with so many potent quarterbacks.

But all is not bleak on defense. Villanova should be strong at linebacker, where senior tri-captain Shaun Lyons, a third-team all-leaguer, heads an experienced unit.

Look for some incoming freshmen to lend a hand on defense.

Be assured that Villanova will be prepared for shootouts. Quarterback Chris Boden, who already holds 18 school passing records, is back, as is All-America running back Brian Westbrook, who last season became the first player in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards and have 1,000 yards in receptions.

Also, running back Roger Harriott, who transferred from Boston University when the football program there was dropped after the 1997 season, is expected to return to his all-league form, and tight end Joe Kavanaugh (6-7, 240) hopes to escape injury and fulfill his potential.

### PREDICTIONS

#### MID-ATLANTIC

1. Villanova
2. Delaware
3. Northeastern
4. Richmond
5. William & Mary
6. James Madison

#### NEW ENGLAND

1. Massachusetts
2. Connecticut
3. New Hampshire
4. Maine
5. Rhode Island

### DELAWARE

**C**oach Tubby Raymond will never be accused of being a cockeyed optimist. And he will point out the reason why the Blue Hens didn't make it to the post-season playoffs in '98.

"The team was up and down," Raymond says. "I think last year we had the general attitude that we would just automatically ascend to the playoffs."

They didn't, but that didn't hurt the coach as much as a comment one of his players made after the season. "He said he was proud to be part of a 7-4 program," Raymond recalls. "That was unacceptable."

Raymond didn't name the player, but you can be sure he will be taking names this season as his team goes for a 12th

consecutive winning season.

One thing seems certain. The Blue Hens will be putting the ball up more than usual. Junior quarterback Matt Nagy, a third-team all-leaguer after taking over for injured starter Brian Ginn, will return with a resume that includes nine straight 200-yard passing games, 2,916 passing yards and a 556-yard game against Connecticut. If he regresses, Ginn, who threw for 14 touchdowns in 1997, is his backup.

The running game is the worry after having averaged only 151.1 yards last season, the second-lowest total in Raymond's 33-year tenure as head coach.

Experience should help a defense that ranked seventh in the conference last season. Seven starters and five of the top seven tacklers are back. "We need a rebirth of hardness and enthusiasm for our defense," Raymond says.

### NORTHEASTERN

**T**he bar was set high—likely too high—prior to last season, but the Huskies, with four games to go, were a definite player in both the league and NCAA races.

Then came the four-loss finish in a league that makes you pay for such failure.

Cold statistics tell you the problem areas: The Huskies' 252 points were the third worst in the league, their third-down percentage (32.3) was the

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Todd Bankhead,  
QB, UMass

#### DEFENSE:

Jojo Oliphant,  
DL, Maine

#### NEWCOMER:

Jimmy Howard,  
WR, UMass

### GAMES TO WATCH

UMass at Villanova,  
September 18

Villanova at  
Connecticut,  
October 16

UMass at Delaware,  
October 23

Delaware at Villanova,  
November 20

Connecticut at UMass,  
November 20

worst and they converted only 50 percent of their red-zone opportunities.

Those numbers should change this year because some of the key faces on offense won't. Returning is junior wide receiver Dave Klemic, a second-team all-league wideout who may be the A-10's singular ultimate weapon.

Klemic rewrote many of school's records last season with 96 points, 15 touchdowns and 65 catches for 1,175 yards. A track star, five of his touchdowns went for more than 60 yards.

Getting him the ball will be the responsibility of returnee Fred Vallett, who threw for 2,292 yards and a school-record 21 touchdown passes.

Keeping the defense honest will be in the hands for L.J. McKanas, who finished his redshirt freshman year with 832 yards, 139 of those coming in a game against James Madison.

Also, keep your eye on newcomer Tim Gale, who rushed for more than 4,000 yards at Boxford (Mass.) High.

The potential for point production is evident, but the numbers might depend on a rebuilt offensive line.

The loss of all-league linebacker Steve Kives will hurt, but the return of second-team backer Zach Falconer and defensive lineman Doug Tillberg (also second-team all-conference) and linebacker Brian Hayden bodes well for the defense.

## RICHMOND

The Spiders had given notice before the 1997 season that things might be changing. They came off a 2-9 record to finish 6-5, mainly because of an improved defense.

The same aspect of their game carried the team to the league championship and to within one point of the second round of the NCAA playoffs last season.

A repeat of a 9-3 season would seem to be a reach for a team that ranked 11th in the NCAA in rushing defense (105.4 yards per game), eighth in scoring defense (13.7 ppg.) and tied for second in turnover margin (+1.55).

The Spiders do have eight starters returning on defense, headed by senior linebacker Paris Lenon, an all-conference first-teamer who had 53 unassisted tackles and four sacks last season. Also back are second-team defensive back Chris Anderson and third-team linebacker Mac Janney.

Quarterback Jimmie Miles, who went into last season battling for a job, threw for 1,494 yards and 12 scores last season and also rushed for nearly 75

yards a game. He will need help from the running game this season.

## WILLIAM & MARY

The first order of business is finding someone to replace quarterback Mike Cook, one of the league's top offensive weapons for the last three years. He takes more than 3,000 yards of offense and 26 touchdowns from last season with him.

Junior Daron Pope, who completed four of the five passes he threw last season, is the likely starter, but could face a challenge if he doesn't produce quickly.

Whoever gets the call will have a strong receiving corps headed by wideout Dave Conklin (61 catches, 925 yards, seven TDs), tight end Mike Leach (58 catches, six TDs) and wideout Chris Rosier (50 catches, 726 yards, nine TDs).

The running game is again in the hands of Hameen Ali, who averaged a tad under five yards per carry in collecting a 1,000-yard season last year.

The defense, led by All-America tackle Raheem Walker, is experienced. The addition of Nebraska transfer Khari Reynolds along with holdover Mike Beverly may give the Tribe the best cover corners in the league.

## JAMES MADISON

Mickey Matthews knows the territory. His resume indicates that defense is his forte. And the new Dukes head coach must address that aspect of the program immediately.

His credits include working with linebackers and defensive backs at Georgia. The Bulldogs went to two bowl games while he was an assistant there. At Marshall, he was instrumental in helping that I-AA program lead the

nation in total defense in 1991 and 1995.

This won't be easy. He takes over a team that gave up almost 370 yards and 26 points a game last season and will be missing its top two tacklers, All-America free safety and NFL draft pick Tony Booth and strong safety Mike Masella.

The good news is that junior defensive end Chris Morant (11 sacks), a third-team all-leaguer, is back along with veteran linebackers Jason Parmer, Cliff Wimbus, Zeb Clark and Chris Watkins.

A major problem will be settling on a quarterback since Greg Maddox, who was in sight of school passing records, left the team after being shifted to tight end last season by Wood.

Redshirt junior John DeFillippo and soph Chris Paquette appear to be the top candidates for the job.

The Dukes' strong suit likely will be the running game, where tailback Curtis Keaton (1,064 yards) and Delvin Joyce, who set team season all-purpose yardage records in his first two years, return.

Once the quarterback situation is resolved, the winner will have a good target in junior Earnest Payton, who caught a school-record 82 passes in 1998.

## NEW ENGLAND

### MASSACHUSETTS

It was the "Whip-lash" offense when all those offensive numbers were going up at Brown under coach Mark Whipple. Maybe "Mass. Transit" would be appropriate here.

Whipple certainly has the weapons to achieve just about anything. And if indications are true that the defense may improve, watch out.

The engineer of the offense which

**Marcel Shipp, Massachusetts**



ranked third nationally (482 yards per game) in total offense and 12th in scoring offense (34.5 ppg.), quarterback Todd Bankhead, returns for a better-than-good shot at all the school passing records.

He may, however, have to go some to better his 303 pass completions for 3,919 yards and 34 touchdowns from last season.

The California JC transfer is far from whole show. Also back with big numbers is running back Marcel Shipp, a Walter Payton Award candidate who ran for 2,542 yards (5.9 per carry) and 18 touchdowns en route to several All-America teams. Oh, and he carries a streak of 12 straight games of 100 yards or better. And he's only a junior.

One potential problem could come in the passing game as top receiver Jimmy Moore, who caught 16 touchdown passes last season, withdrew his appeal for a fifth year of eligibility. Freshman wideout Jimmy Howard is the heir apparent.

The defense returns nine starters, led by ends Dan Schneider and Chris Price, and tackle Aaron Parker, who led the line in tackles with 66 and had six sacks.

All-America linebacker Khari Samuel is a big loss, but much is expected of returnees Kole Ayi and Matt Dawson, who had five sacks, three interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

## CONNECTICUT

**S**kip Holtz is at South Carolina with his father, Lou, leaving a legacy of the best season in the school's history (10-3) to Randy Edsall, who comes with an impressive college and pro resume that includes stops with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars and most recently Georgia Tech, where he was defensive coordinator.

He must be doing something right since seven of the eight teams he was with from 1985 to 1993 made postseason appearances.

Off his record, defense appears to be Edsall's forte. And that aspect of the game is where the Huskies need the most improvement. Despite going to the second round of the NCAA tournament last season, Connecticut surrendered more points than any other team in league play and gave up 86 points in two postseason games. It ranked last in the league in rushing defense, total defense and pass defense and only above Villanova in scoring defense.

The return of all-league defensive

backs Jordan Younger and Jeff DeLucia will give Edsall a start, and the return of starting defensive linemen Chad Cook and Ron Gamble won't hurt. But the line-backing unit has been decimated with the loss of three starters.

The Huskies, who leave the A-10 next year for Division I-A, figure to score big again. Junior quarterback Brian Hoffmann, who took advantage of an injury to starter Shane Stafford to throw for 1,100 yards and eight touchdowns last season, looks solid and will have the protection of a veteran offensive line. Junior John Fitzsimmons, who had more than 1,000 receiving yards last season, looks like an all-league candidate.

The Huskies won't be one dimensional on offense. Tailbacks Barry Chandler and Recolon Jumpp combined for more than 1,600 yards and 19 touchdowns in 1998.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**F**irst things first: Finding a replacement for Walter Payton Award winner Jerry Azumah, the league's player of the year who topped Tony Dorsett's NCAA rushing record while accumulating more than 8,000 career yards in total offense during his career.

The heir apparent is Dan Curran, who found time to gain 504 yards and got 6.7 per effort, better than Azumah's average.

There is more trouble on offense. The team listed six quarterbacks on its roster in the spring, with junior Michael Apple the prime contender after starting three games last season.

A decimated offensive line must be rebuilt, with 6-3, 282-pound Jeff Hayes as the anchor.

The defense also suffered some casualties, but one key returnee will be defensive back Wade Rowcliffe, who was third on the team in tackles and is rated the Wildcats' top hitter.

The numbers surely will change with the departure of Azumah, and so will the coach, as Bill Bowes exits after 27 seasons at UNH. He'll be replaced by assistant Sean McDonnell, so the run-first philosophy should remain.

## MAINE

**T**he main weapons have departed—talented quarterback Mickey Fein, record-setting receiver Drew O'Connor and top return man Darrick Brown, all of whom were all-conference during their careers.

So, the emphasis for success will change for the Black Bears this season, likely to the defense, where seven starters, including three all-conference performers, return.

Start with All-America free safety Aaron Dashiell, who made 100 tackles and intercepted six passes last season. Mix in all-league second-team tackle Jojo Oliphant, who recorded 9.5 sacks, and third-team linebacker Brent Naccara (who may see time at fullback) and it's a pretty good start.

There is depth on both lines, which should help tailback Ben Christopher, who led the team in rushing with 638 yards and a 4.8 average, and soph Royston English, who put up 180 yards in a game against Delaware.

If Maine can find someone to replace Fein—fifth-year senior Brian Scott may be the man—that player will have some good targets in juniors Phil McGeoghan and Dwayne Wilmot, who combined for 93 catches, nearly 1,000 yards and six touchdowns last season.

## RHODE ISLAND

**F**or the second time in the last three years, the Rams are banking on a transfer from a Division I program for some instant gratification.

Hope is that this will work better than the first, or a fourth straight losing season looms as a large probability.

First, it was Billy Jack Haskins out of Kentucky, where Tim Couch has changed all the numbers. Now, it is 6-3, 225-pound Ken Mastrole from Maryland, who changed addresses when the Terps changed to an option offense.

Mastrole completed 59 of 131 passes for 632 yards in the first half of the season for the Terps, whose losing ways likely changed the offensive philosophy.

If Mastrole works out, he will have some experienced receivers in Karim Gibson, who led the team with 45 catches for 616 yards in 1998, and Damon Ray, who caught 20 balls. The Rams also have some big tight ends in Justin Henry (6-6, 252), Mano Fanopolus (6-3, 250) and Cameron Eberheim (6-2, 245).

The running game will start almost from scratch, since last year's top two rushers, James Jenkins and Shyron Sanford, have graduated. It's not the only area that has to be rebuilt. The Rams lost three of their top defenders—all-league lineman Frank Ferrara (14 sacks), all-league linebacker Miguel Viera and second-team defensive back Ron Iannotti. ■

# BIG SKY

## Montana looks to be the favorite on Sky's horizon.

BY LOREN JORGENSEN  
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It was a bit of a down year in the Big Sky in 1998, with only one team, league champion Montana, being invited to the 16-team Division I-AA playoffs. And the Grizzlies promptly lost their first-round game to Western Illinois, 52-9. The league should be much improved this season. The records may not indicate how much better the league is, however, because there will once again be plenty of parity. Montana won the Big Sky crown with two conference losses last season and it could happen that way once again in 1999. Most of the teams were youthful in 1998 and one-third were breaking in new coaches. There should be more stability and experience in the Sky this time around.

The Big Sky has long been known as a wide-open, passing-dominated league, but this year look for the ground-gainers to provide most of the headlines—led by Charles Roberts of Sacramento State. Roberts rushed for a I-AA-record 2,260 yards a year ago. Other prolific backs returning include Weber State's Morgan Welch, Portland State's Charles Dunn and Montana State's Lathian Tyler.

And then there is Ronney Jenkins, perhaps the best running back of the bunch. Jenkins joins Northern Arizona as a junior after transferring from BYU following a record-breaking season with the Cougars.

It's tough to pick against defending champion Montana for the league title. After all, the Griz have placed first or second in the league each year since 1993.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Charles Roberts,  
RB, Sacramento  
State

#### DEFENSE:

Tyler Martin,  
DT, Montana

#### NEWCOMER:

Ronney Jenkins,  
RB, Northern Arizona

### GAMES TO WATCH

Eastern Washington  
at Portland State,  
September 18

Cal State Northridge  
at Montana,  
October 9

## MONTANA

Coach Mick Dennehy has 19 starters returning from last season's Big Sky title team that went 8-4 overall and 6-2 in the Big Sky—seven starters on offense, 10 on defense and both kickers. Among those back for another crack at the league crown are receiver Jeremy Watkins, who caught a league-leading 72 passes last season for 885 yards and seven TDs, and defensive tackle Tyler Martin. Both were first-team all-Big Sky in '98.

Other key returnees include safety Jason Miller, outside linebacker Marcus Wilson, cornerback Chris Colvin, placekicker Kris Heppner and punter Dallas Neil.

A couple of newcomers will be counted on to produce right away, too. Drew Miller, a part-time starter the past two seasons at BYU, is expected to take over the quarterback position left vacant by Brian Ah Yat, the Big Sky leader in total offense a year ago. Miller completed 51 percent of his passes for 332 yards, two scores and two touchdowns while starting one game at BYU last season.

Miller brought his favorite receiver from BYU—and high school, for that matter—with him.

## PREDICTIONS

1. Montana
2. Cal State Northridge
3. Eastern Washington
4. Portland State
5. Montana State
6. Weber State
7. Northern Arizona
8. Sacramento State
9. Idaho State

Mike Rigell, who played high school ball in Tacoma, Washington, with Miller, caught 18 passes for 331 yards and five TDs for the Cougars in '98. He also averaged 26.8 yards per kickoff return, taking one back 96 yards for a score.

## CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

The Matadors, now in their fourth year in the league, appear ready to challenge for the conference title. Cal State Northridge had a breakthrough season in '98 that included a 7-4 overall record and 5-3 mark in conference play—tying for second place in the Big Sky.

The offense returns seven starters, including several at the skill positions. Quarterback Marcus Brady, the Big Sky newcomer of the year as a freshman, returns for his sophomore campaign. Brady threw for 2,974 yards. He was the ninth-most proficient passer at the Division I-AA level—and the second-most efficient QB in the Big Sky with a rating of 150.6.

Brady has his top receiver to throw to again. Aaron Arnold caught 65 passes for 1,020 yards and a dozen touchdowns last season. For the Matadors to challenge for the title they may have to improve their running game, which ranked last in the league last season. Fullback Jaumal Bradley returns for his senior year after gaining 374 yards on the ground in '98.

Defensively, Northridge has eight starters back, including all-conference end Brennen Swanson, safety Jeremy Golden and outside linebacker Chazz Moore.

## EASTERN WASHINGTON

The Eagles won the conference title and advanced to the I-AA final four two seasons ago before being knocked off their perch and falling to the middle of the pack last season. Eastern Washington finished the year 5-6 overall and was one of three teams to go 4-4 in league play.

Eastern Washington coach Mike Kramer, now in his sixth season, welcomes back 10 starters to a defensive unit that statistically finished in the middle of the pack in the league last season. Greg Belzer, an inside linebacker, is a candidate for defensive player-of-the-year honors.

Kramer has a couple of huge holes to fill offensively, as quarterback Griffin Garske and leading rusher Mike MacKenzie are gone. Jovan Griffith, who rushed for 492 yards as a freshman, should take over as the No. 1 back. The Eagles should be solid in the trenches on offense, led by center Aaron Best and guard Luke Fritz.

## PORTLAND STATE

The Vikings had the most prolific offense in the Big Sky last season, averaging 465 yards per game. They just had trouble stopping people,

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giving up more than 400 yards defensively. Still, their 5-6 mark was an improvement. In fact, PSU seems to be climbing a set of stairs to Division I-AA respectability. In 1996, the Vikings' first I-AA season, they went 3-8. They improved to 4-7 in '97 and 5-6 last year.

So expect PSU to be 6-5 in '99.

The offense should once again be able to roll up big numbers and score huge points. Among the eight offensive starters returning are quarterback Jimmy Blanchard, running back Charles Dunn and receiver Orshawante Bryant. Blanchard led the nation in passing efficiency with a 167.6 rating in '98. He threw for 1,512 yards and 14 scores with only one interception. Dunn, meanwhile, had a huge year running the ball with 1,561 yards and nine scores. Bryant, a junior, caught 68 passes for 1,092 yards and 10 scores.

The defense will have a new look. Only four starters are back, but coach Tim Walsh has brought in 12 transfers on the defensive side to fill in the holes.

## MONTANA STATE

**T**he Bobcats came close to securing a second playoff berth for the league last season, posting their most wins (seven) since 1984. Montana State has also posted three consecutive winning seasons for the first time since becoming I-AA in 1979.

It may be difficult for the Cats to post a fourth straight winning season, however. Montana State returns only five starters on offense. Coach Cliff Hysell didn't try for a quick fix, either, as his entire recruiting class consists of freshmen rather than junior college transfers.

Among the returnees is receiver Chip Hobbs, a first-team all-Big Sky selection in '98. He caught 71 passes for 1,034 yards and nine touchdowns.

## WEBER STATE

**F**or many years the Wildcats were known for fielding potent offenses with teams that played little defense. No longer. Jerry Graybeal, a former defensive coordinator, came in and made defense a priority in 1998, his first year as a head coach. As a result, Weber State led the league in five of the seven defensive categories. The Wildcats led the Big Sky in total defense and were eighth nationally.

But the graduation losses were

major, especially on the defensive side of the ball. Weber State returns just four defensive starters, but one is defensive lineman Joel Barrow, an honorable mention all-league selection a year ago.

Offensively, the Wildcats have their top weapon returning in running back Morgan Welch, who rushed for 1,629 yards and 13 TDs last season.

## NORTHERN ARIZONA

**W**ith Ronney Jenkins running the ball and Travis Brown throwing it, the Lumberjacks should be able to move the chains.

Jenkins, who once rushed for 619 yards in a single high school game, has sprinters' speed. He gained 1,307 yards and scored 13 rushing touchdowns for BYU last season. He also caught 34 passes and scored twice more through the air for the Cougars. LaVell Edwards would love to have him on the Cougar roster again this season, but he was expelled from school for breaking BYU's strict honor code a second time. Rather than sitting out a year to transfer to a I-AA school—several Pac-10 schools were dying to land him—Jenkins decided on NAU where he could play immediately.

Brown, a three-year starter, is poised for his final season. He threw for 1,550 yards last season, giving him 8,343 for his distinguished career.

The Lumberjacks ranked second in the league last season in defense and are led by returning linebackers Afa Faraimo and Jake Crissup.

## SACRAMENTO STATE

**S**ac State, as Sacramento State is often called, has more returning all-conference players than any team in the league. In addition to Charles Roberts, the Hornets' amazing All-America tailback who rushed for more than 2,200 yards, Sac State had a first-team Big Sky tight end in Chris Kelly and guard in Jon Osterhout.

On the second team the Hornets placed offensive tackle Tim Conley. Their honorable mention all-Big Sky returnees include placekicker Scott Brown, center Terrance Wagner, fullback Mike Wooster, cornerback Elton Gabourel and safety Carlos Williams.

In other words, Sac State has some outstanding talent returning from last year's team that finished 3-5 in the conference (5-6 overall).

The Hornets, as you might expect

with a 2,200-yard rusher, led the league in rushing last season. They return 10 starters on the offensive side of the ball, including QB Garrett White, who led the team in passing last season with 639 yards and three touchdowns. The defense has six returning starters. Suffice it to say, Sac State won't sneak up on anybody this year.

## IDAHO STATE

**T**he Bengals, after finishing 3-8 overall and 2-6 and in last place in the league, were the only Big Sky school to make a coaching change. Larry Lewis, previously the assistant head coach at Washington State, became the third head coach at Idaho State in four years. He takes over for Tom Walsh, who lasted only two seasons in Pocatello.

Lewis is going to have his work cut out for him. Not only did ISU rank last in total offense in the league, but they were last in total defense as well.

One thing ISU has going for it is a strong-legged kicker. Pete Garces booted a 60-yard field goal in the final game of the season against Cal State Northridge.

*Jake Crissup, Northern Arizona*



R. DEAN HENDRICKSON

# GATEWAY

## Emergence of Illinois State shows times are changing in Gateway.

BY SEAN P. HAYDEN

THE (VIDETTE) TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

**W**ith four national titles in the '90s, there's no question Youngstown State has been the Team of the Decade in I-AA football. However, even the mighty Penguins have a lot of questions to answer on the field this fall following an uncharacteristic 6-5 record a year ago that included not making the I-AA playoffs.

But Youngstown is not alone in that category. Perennial Gateway contender Western Illinois lost star running back Aaron Stecker and Buck Buchanan Award-winner James Milton to graduation and coach Randy Ball to conference member Southwest Missouri State. The Leathernecks, coming off an appearance in the national semifinals, also have a lot of proving to do.

Don Patterson, a longtime assistant to now-retired coach Hayden Fry at Iowa, makes the move to head coach and hopes to keep Western on the track it has been on for quite some time. Ball took his successful act to Springfield, Missouri, in hopes of reviving the Bears. Yep, the times they are a changin' in the Gateway when teams like Youngstown State and Western Illinois come into a season surrounded by many questions while up-and-comers Illinois State and Indiana State appear to be heading in the right direction.

One year after going winless in the league, Todd Berry led his surprising Redbirds to a second-place finish and a berth in the I-AA playoffs, where they lost to Northwestern State. No worries, though, as Berry has 21 starters back and is ready to stand atop the league.

He may have some competition from the Sycamores, who should emerge as the surprise team in I-AA. With the Penguins making a return to normalcy and the Redbirds making a run for the I-AA title in Normal, one thing is sure to remain constant for the Gateway—it will be among the elite and most competitive I-AA conferences in the nation once again. There is never a lack for talent in the league, as evidenced by the fact two teams claimed berths in the postseason and eight players were honored as All-Americans by the Associated Press. Look for Illinois State to make the final step—claiming the Gateway title over Youngstown State—and go deep into the playoffs.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Illinois State
2. Youngstown State
3. Indiana State
4. Southwest Missouri State
5. Western Illinois
6. Northern Iowa
7. Southern Illinois

### YOUNGSTOWN STATE

**S**o what will it take for the Penguins to forget the last year's 6-5 mark and make their return as one of the elite teams in the nation? It all starts up front for Jim Tressel's crew, which returns its entire offensive line intact. With an entire season and spring campaign under their belt, there's no reason this group shouldn't wear out opposing

defenses this season.

Senior Ian Shirey was an all-Gateway and third-team All-America selection a year ago and returns as the line's signal-caller. He will be flanked by dominant guard Frank Rutherford and sophomore Lavelle Hawkes. Anchoring the perimeter will be seniors John Longano and Shawn Billker.

The Penguins not only have the starters but also great depth along the front, providing the opportunity for sophomore quarterback Jeff Ryan to have a breakout campaign. Ryan became a starter in the fifth game last year and threw for 1,036 yards and eight touchdowns while completing 84 of 152 attempts. Adrian Brown is the featured back. The senior has rushed for 2,389 yards and 39 TDs in his career, despite never being the No. 1 guy outright.

All-America Dwyte Smiley will anchor the defense from his free safety spot. Junior college transfer Bryan Hawthorne could have a huge impact at defensive end.

### INDIANA STATE

**U**nder first-year coach Tim McGuire, the Sycamores made great strides last season. It becomes evident when one looks beyond their

### ILLINOIS STATE

**I**t is often said of coaches and draft picks that you must wait at least three years to truly discover whether they were a wise choice. In his third season, Todd Berry had the decision-makers in Normal looking like Einstein. Winless for two straight years in the Gateway, Illinois State shocked the league with a 4-2 record and an appearance in the playoffs. Whoever pulled the trigger on Berry's hiring should be given a fat bonus, as should Berry, to keep him around as long as possible.

Last season may have been a magic carpet ride for the Redbirds, but they won't have the luxury of

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Kevin Glenn,  
QB, Illinois State

#### DEFENSE:

Troy Lefevra,  
DE, Indiana State

#### NEWCOMER:

Bryan Hawthorne,  
DE, Youngstown State

### GAME TO WATCH

Illinois State  
at Youngstown State,  
October 30

# GATEWAY

5-6 overall record and 2-4 league mark. Three of Indiana State's losses were by six points or less—including a 24-20 loss to playoff-bound Illinois State—and another came against national power Kansas State. The Sycamores finished in fine fashion, with a 66-10 romp over Murray State, setting the table for what could be a surprising run to the top of the Gateway this season.

McGuire has 10 starters back to run his triple-option spread offense, an equal-opportunity system that employs a handful of running backs and wideouts. Pulling the trigger will be diminutive sophomore Sheraton Fox. Fox, just 5-foot-9, 170 pounds, led the squad with 431 yards on the ground and 345 yards passing last season. Joining Fox in the backfield is junior running back Jared Sessum.

Indiana State returns seven starters on defense, including preseason defensive player of the year Troy Lefevra at the end spot.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

**D**on't kid yourself. The Bears will be the most intriguing team to watch in the Gateway this season. After consecutive 5-6 records the past two seasons, SMS welcomes former Western Illinois head coach Randy Ball to town. All Ball has done in that time frame is win the last two Gateway crowns and lead the Leathernecks to the postseason both years, including last year's run to the national semifinals.

With 19 of 22 starters returning, and major college transfers on hand to fill the other holes, excuse the folks in Springfield for feeling downright giddy. Ball may be the missing piece to the puzzle—a proven coach who knows how to get results.

One spot that needs reloading is the quarterback position, thanks to the graduation of record-setting Derek Jensen. To that end, Ball has former Indiana quarterback Jay Rodgers ready and waiting. Rodgers saw his playing time with the Hoosiers go way down with the emergence of Antwaan Randle El, so the one-time IU starter took his act to SMS.

Former prep All-America Carlos Honore, a transfer from Iowa, figures into the mix at tailback, along with Corey McGriff. Travis Brawner was the I-AA leader in field goals as a sophomore and led the team with 66 points as a junior.

Every defensive starter returns from last year's club.

## WESTERN ILLINOIS

**T**alk about major losses. After losing to Georgia Southern in the I-AA national semifinal game, the Leathernecks said goodbye to two of the program's all-time greats in running back Aaron Stecker and linebacker James Milton. Stecker provided Western with 1,226 yards and 14 TDs on the ground while Milton was honored with the Buck Buchanan Award, given annually to the nation's top defensive player in I-AA.

As if that weren't enough, shortly thereafter head coach Randy Ball turned in his purple and gold whistle and headed to conference rival Southwest Missouri State. A rebuilding job is indeed under way in Macomb. Don Patterson, a longtime Iowa coach who was the Hawkeyes' offensive coordinator the past seven seasons, inherits a team that went 11-3 overall and 5-1 in the Gateway and won its second league title in as many years.

Only 11 starters return, so there's plenty of work to do. With the loss of Stecker, the running back duties fall to senior Erik Rogers, whose 65 carries last season were more than 200 shy of what Stecker had. Mark Zanders returns behind center after completing 141 of 272 passes last year for 1,748 yards and 13 TDs. Three starters return along the offensive line, including Walter Camp All-America Casey Honkomp.

Milton's shoes will be tough to fill, but Western does return Edgerton Hartwell, a 6-2, 230 junior who was second on the team with 156 tackles after transferring from Wisconsin. Another Wisconsin transfer, Sam Elmore, leads an experienced secondary at one corner spot.

## NORTHERN IOWA

**T**he fourth-winningest I-AA team of the '90s, the Panthers tripped out of the gate a year ago, dropping their first three league games before rebounding to win their last five regular-season contests, including victories over Gateway champ Western Illinois and Youngstown State.

Third-year coach Mike Dunbar has 14 starters back and good things are expected—as always—at Northern Iowa. After all, the program have won or shared the title in nine of the league's 14 years of existence. Still, the Panthers figure to be in a crowd in the middle and must fight and prove they belong elsewhere.

Receivers Mike Furrey and Eddie Berlin are a good place for Dunbar to look for production. Both receivers have



**Aveion Cason, Illinois State**

1,000-yard potential as evidenced by last year's output. Furrey, listed as an H-back, hauled in 86 passes for 1,074 yards and 10 touchdowns on his way to being named all-Gateway. Berlin was a second-team all-conference pick after grabbing 64 balls for 953 yards. The majority of the passes came from the arm of junior QB Ryan Helming, who threw for 2,475 yards and 16 TDs last season.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

**T**he Salukis were stung by the May death of junior wide receiver Charles Teague, who was killed in a car accident. Teague and teammate Brian Broussard were on their way home to New Orleans after final exams when the accident occurred in Jackson, Mississippi. Broussard only suffered minor injuries in the accident, although his status is still undecided.

Play must go on in Carbondale, and as long as Karlton Carpenter is still around, that play should be spectacular. The 5-9, 199-pound senior running back was the Gateway offensive player of the year last season after rushing for 1,892 yards on 323 carries. Carpenter led the league with 16 touchdowns and averaged 172 yards per game. Still, it was not enough to keep the Salukis out of the basement. Coach Jan Quarless has to find a way to properly complement Carpenter if he is to improve on the 3-8 mark of a year ago.

COURTESY OF ILLINOIS STATE

# IVY LEAGUE

## All-everything Perry could lead Brown to 'bear' of a season.

BY CHUCK NEWMAN  
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

**T**his just in: The Ivy League championship may not be decided until the final week of the season. No news there, right? It has been that way almost forever, like 17 of the last 20 seasons. Take last year when Penn clinched it on the final weekend by winning at Cornell.

As Harvard did going into last season, Penn has a shot at a relative rarity in league history, a repeat. Only three teams, Dartmouth in 1972-73, Yale (1979-80) and the Quakers (1984-86 and 1993-94), have gone back-to-back.

But Penn will have to repeat without the heart of the offense that carried it to the 1998 title: quarterback Matt Rader and running back Jim Finn, one of the most versatile backs in league history.

And Brown, which has been the league's yardage machine in recent years, returns two-time all-league quarterback James Perry, who is poised to become the top passer in league history, and wideout Steve Campbell, his top target.

Don't count out Harvard, which has maybe the league's best linebacker in Isaiah Kacyvenski and a flotilla of tough running backs led by Chris Menick, a second-team all-league choice last season.

Oh, and Yale has eight defensive starters back from a team that led the nation in turnover margin, and an all-Ivy running back in Rashad Bartholomew.

### TOP PLAYERS

**OFFENSE:**  
James Perry,  
QB, Brown

**DEFENSE:**  
Isaiah Kacyvenski,  
LB, Harvard

**NEWCOMER:**  
Carl Morris,  
WR, Harvard

### GAMES TO WATCH:

Brown at Yale,  
September 18

Princeton at Brown,  
October 9

Penn at Yale,  
October 30

Harvard at Brown,  
November 6

Penn at Harvard,  
November 13

## BROWN

**W**hen Phil Estes succeeded Mark Whipple last season, there was concern that the Bears' four-year climb to league respectability would end.

Never mind that Estes, Whipple's recruiting coordinator and receivers coach over that span, was a big part of the "Whiplash" offense that had made the program competitive and an Ivy championship contender.

Never mind that in one game early last season, one critic termed the offense "Whipped cream."

The description was premature: Brown's five league wins last year were the school's best since 1987, its passing offense best in the league and total offense second only to league champion Penn.

Offense, despite the graduation of receiver Sean Morey, the Ivy's player of the year in 1997, should be the team's strength again this season. Estes is especially looking forward to the return of quarterback James Perry, a two-time all-league and honorable mention All-America who set an Ivy League record with 274 completions last season and ranked second nationally in total offense with 310.2 yards per game. Junior receiver Steve Campbell, an all-Ivy first-teamer, will be Perry's first option.

## HARVARD

**H**aving to rebuild a defense that was part of the 1997 championship team proved too much to overcome for the Crimson, who surrendered 21.1 points a game in a four-win season and a fifth-place finish.

The loss of six starters on defense will pose a problem, but returning is all-Ivy linebacker Isaiah Kacyvenski, a pro prospect who may be the league's best at his position. Also returning is 6-5, 285-pound Cris Nowinski, who will shift to end from tackle, where he had seven tackles for loss and three fumble recoveries.

You can count on the Crimson to put up good offensive numbers. The running game, if the rebuilt offensive line meshes, could be as good as any in the league.

Chris Menick, a 5-10, 190-pounder, already has collected 2,361 yards rushing and needs only 113 to become the school's all-time leading runner. The team is 9-1 in games in which he has

rushed for more than 100 yards.

Beware of junior receiver and break-away threat Chuck Nwokocha, a sprinter on the track team who will keep defenses from stacking against Menick.

Quarterback Rich Linden is looking to rebound from an off year (three touchdown passes, eight interceptions) after setting a school record with 164 completions in 1997.

## PENN

**W**hen the Quakers came out on the short end of a 58-51 shootout at Brown in their third league game last season, they were almost written off as title contenders.

Penn coach Al Bagnoli says he never got that feeling, even at that dark moment. "From week one through week 10, I was confident we were the best team in the league," he says. "Even after that loss."

The Quakers proceeded to run the table, winning their last four league games by an average of 18 points, much of it due to the contributions of quarterback Matt Rader and all-Ivy running back Jimmy Finn, the most versatile weapon in the league.

That was last year. Quarterback and running back, both vacated by graduation, are problem positions for Bagnoli, who will be seeking a fourth Ivy title. It appears a veteran defensive line headed by

## PREDICTIONS

1. Brown
2. Harvard
3. Penn
4. Princeton
5. Yale
6. Cornell
7. Dartmouth
8. Columbia

# IVY LEAGUE



James Perry, Brown

nose guard Adrian Puzio, a second-team all-leaguer, will have to buy time for the offense.

## PRINCETON

**I**t was their forte when they were right in the championship race not that many years back: running the football.

The Tigers figure to go back to the future this year with a stable of running backs. Backfield mates Nathan McGlothlin, Derek Theisen, Damien Taylor and Kyle Brandt combined for 1,400 yards last season.

And they will be escorted by a pair of first-team all-Ivy linemen, guard Hamin Abdullah and tackle Dennis Norman, who combine for 540 pounds.

Want more evidence of what the focus of the offense might be? No surprise here. The Tigers have a new quarterback for the seventh time in the last eight years, and there were four candidates for the job going into the season.

There is depth on the defensive line. Coach Steve Tosches rotated seven players up front last season, but one player who won't be sitting out is all-Ivy defensive end David Ferrara (23 career sacks)

## YALE

**A**nother relative newcomer to the Ivy League hierarchy. The Elis finished second last season after a preseason forecast of dead last. Their opening game against Brown should dictate their fate.

Coach Jack Siedlecki will have 12 starters returning, including eight on defense, from a team that had a chance at the league title going into the final game in 1998.

Despite questions on an offensive line decimated by graduation, Yale should put up good numbers with the return of quarterback Joe Walland, who threw 12 scoring strikes and ran for 348 yards and six touchdowns. He'll be joined by all-Ivy running back Rashad Bartholomew, whose 941 yards rushing included four 100-yard games.

But defense should be the Yale strong point, with linemen Jeff Hockenbrock, Peter Sarantos and Eli Kelley heading perhaps the strongest front in the league. The unit accounted for 41 sacks last season.

The secondary is also solid, headed by second-team all-leaguer Todd Tomich.

Also back is placekicker Mike Murawczyk, who broke two school records for field goals, with four in one game and 12 on the season.

## CORNELL

**I**f sheer numbers mean anything, the Big Red should be a player in the league race this season.

Coach Pete Mangurian, a former assistant under Dan Reeves with the Atlanta Falcons, has 35 returning letter-winners, including 18 players who started at least five games. That should translate to an improvement over a 1-6 league record in 1998.

First, the bad news. Quarterback Mike Hood, who completed 58 percent of his passes, has graduated with no certain successor in place.

The good news is that 6-5 receiver Joe Splendorio, only a junior, is back off a 46-catch, 677-yard season that earned him second-team all-league honors. Also returning are fifth-year running back Deon Harris (757 rushing yards) and full-back Mike Buray, a good receiver out of the backfield.

Mangurian's area of expertise as a coach is working with linemen. His abilities will be tested, especially on defense, where the Big Red finished seventh against the run and last in total defense.

The news isn't good at linebacker,

either, where two starters graduated. But fifth-year senior Nat Fischer, an honorable mention all-leaguer despite going down with a knee injury, is back.

Cornell, however, returns four starters on the defensive line and six on the offensive line.

Color Cornell questionable.

## DARTMOUTH

**C**olor the team from Hanover, New Hampshire, "Green." A drop-off was expected going into last season for the Big Green, which has won more league titles than any other Ivy school.

Last year was more of a free fall for a squad that finished 25-4-1 from 1995 to 1997. Last season, Dartmouth emerged with a 1-6 league mark and finished last in both total offense and total defense.

"Our first step is to get back to where we were," says coach John Lyons.

There likely won't be a quick renaissance in this major rebuilding job. The task will start at quarterback, where sophomore Brian Mann, the backup last season, figures to open.

The running game is just as hazy, although leading runner Reggie Belhomme is back.

The defense must improve to give the team any hope. There are three players returning—linebacker Steve Varney, safety Brad Eissler and defensive end Kyle Schroeder—who got all-league mention last season.

## COLUMBIA

**T**hat embarrassing era when the Lions had the nation's attention because of its historic losing streak is a distant memory, but that doesn't mean there aren't serious problems to address this season.

Five defensive players who were first-or-second-team all-Ivy are gone.

Coach Ray Tellier must find successors for first-team all-league defensive end Rashaan Curry, first-team linebacker Paul Roland and first-team defensive back Chris Tillotson. That trio helped the Lions finish no lower than third in any league defensive category.

Quarterback will be a scramble since starter Paris Childress has graduated along with backup Ted Schroeder.

If the Lions score, which has been a recurring problem, it likely will be on the ground. Returning are leading rusher Norman Hayes (514 yards) and sophomore Johnathan Reese, last year's top Ivy rookie.

# METRO ATLANTIC

## With powerful Fairfield ineligible, Duquesne ready to put up its Dukes.

BY BILL HELLER

**I**n its first six seasons, the MAAC has crowned five different champions. The trend will continue. Fairfield, which won the MAAC title in just its third season of football, is ineligible to repeat because of a violation of the league's financial aid policy. Regardless, the Stags are the best team in the MAAC, losing only one starter from a 9-2 squad that was 6-1 in conference.

"It's amazing," Fairfield coach Kevin Kiesel says. "These kids are the ones who started 1-8 in '96. These guys sit down and make goals. To a man, they want to be 11-0 this season. We have all the horses. We have to stay healthy."

If the Stags stumble, Duquesne is the team most likely to benefit, while Georgetown, Marist and Iona all have shots at solid winning seasons. La Salle joins the MAAC as its ninth football member after St. John's withdrew from the conference to become a Division I-AA Independent.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Fairfield
2. Duquesne
3. Georgetown
4. Marist
5. Iona
6. La Salle
7. Siena
8. Canisius
9. St. Peter's

The freshmen of influence include running back Dave Campbell, tailback-defensive back Trent Wissner, 260-pound defensive lineman John Rodgers and lineman-tight end Richard Greer.

But the Dukes aren't short of quality lettermen. Duquesne scored more than 30 points seven times last year and the fireworks will continue this fall behind junior quarterback Tony Zimmerman (2,070 yards, 23 TDs). His weapons include senior flanker

Gerald Foster (46 catches, 851 yards, 10 TDs), junior split end Reggie Harris (33 catches, 558 yards, nine TDs) and sophomore tailback Donte Small (672 yards rushing with a 5.2 average). Small rushed for more than 100 yards in the Dukes' final two games and is an explosive kick returner, averaging 28.5 yards.

The Dukes' 4-3 defense features three veteran linemen in Vincent Cerrone, Matt Stratton and Edward Picarek. The secondary is led by cornerbacks Nick Opalsky, an all-MAAC choice, and Matt Moran (five interceptions). Two-time all-conference punter Orlando Bellisario averaged 39.1 yards last season while placing 20 of 50 punts inside the 20.

### FAIRFIELD

**O**nly all-MAAC free safety Chris Silvestri, now an assistant coach, is missing from a defense which led the nation in yards allowed (213.8) and rushing yards (61.7). Junior linebacker Steve Norcini (team-high 75 tackles) and all-MAAC linemen Steve Krines and Pat Grugan return, but the strength of the Stags is on offense.

All-league quarterback Jim Lopusznick (2,055 passing yards, 27 TDs), the MAAC offensive player of the year, has plenty of options with the return of all-MAAC junior running back Marvin Royal and senior wideout Eric Wise, who caught 72 passes for 838 yards and 11 TDs. Royal rushed for 832 yards on a 4.9 average before a season-ending injury against Canisius. Backup Dan Fitzpatrick stepped in and rushed for 612 yards on a 5.5 average and seven TDs.

All-MAAC tackle Ben Harvey anchors a veteran offensive line. The kicking game is solid and led by sophomore Stephen Mirasolo, who made nine of 10 field goal attempts and 33 of 35 extra points.

### DUQUESNE

**T**he return of 11 all-MAAC players and an outstanding recruiting class have Coach Greg Gattuso optimistic the Dukes can match or improve on last season's 8-3 club, which lost to Fairfield in overtime, 23-20.

"I think we put together the best recruiting class we've ever had," says Gattuso, who is 45-18 in seven seasons. "I expect several freshmen to make an immediate impact."

### GEORGETOWN

**T**he only setbacks the 9-2 Hoyas had last season were a 24-17 loss at Fairfield and a wild 49-40 season-ending defeat at Fordham.

With 16 starters back, the Hoyas have a good chance at contending for the MAAC title. Nine starters return on offense, led by quarterback J.J. Mont, who completed 52 percent of his passes for 2,712 yards and 26 touchdowns. Three of his top four receivers, all juniors, are back: all-MAAC Gharun Hester (57 catches, 921 yards, 12 TDs), George Sumner (22 catches, 252 yards) and Mike Mattia (21 catches, 273 yards). Leading rushers Rob Belli (700 yards, six TDs) and Anthony Tuoizzo (232 yards) will keep defenses honest behind a line headed up by Scott Wolfe.

Strong safety Brian Dwyer (85 tackles) and defensive back Jim Gallagher (six interceptions) key the secondary, while 6-3, 230-pound senior end Paul Miller (74 tackles) and 6-1, 245-pound sophomore nose guard Scott Pogorelec anchor the front line.

### MARIST

**T**he Red Foxes (7-3) gave Fairfield its lone MAAC loss, 20-17, and pummeled St. Francis, Canisius and Siena to finish the season. The offense must weather the loss of outstanding runner J.J. Allen, who had 1,622 of Marist's 2,445 rushing yards and 21 of its 23 running touchdowns. Also gone is quarterback Bill Tramaglino. Junior fullback Joe Tardi must step up behind an experienced front line that features 6-2, 245-pound sophomore Tom Day.

The Marist secondary is excellent, with junior Joe Macchia (51 tackles, five interceptions), senior

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Jim Lopusznick,  
QB, Fairfield

#### DEFENSE:

Steve Krines,  
DL, Fairfield

#### NEWCOMER:

Dave Campbell,  
RB, Duquesne

### GAME TO WATCH

Duquesne at  
Fairfield,  
September 18

Bassell Nelson and sophomore safety Matt O'Connell (38 tackles, six interceptions). Junior lineman Tom Lennon (47 tackles, 8.5 sacks) and senior linebacker Chris Meyer (50 tackles) also return.

## IONA

**C**oach Fred Mariani inherited a 0-10 team, and took the Gaels to respectability last season at 4-6. With 18 starters back, Iona can take it to the next step: contender.

An offense which managed just 24 points in three season-ending losses will be jump-started by quarterback LaVar Stockton, a transfer from UMass. He has three talented juniors to work with: tailback Ralph Saldiveri, tight end Pete Shea (25 receptions) and wideout Greg Fabiani. Saldiveri rushed for 1,069 yards on a 4.3 average with seven touchdowns. He also caught 16 passes for 318 yards, four of them for scores. The offensive line is solid with four returning starters.

Defensively, the Gaels' strengths are junior safety Matt D'Occhio (65 tackles), junior cornerback Jonathan McCord (26 tackles, five interceptions) and senior linebacker John LaMotta.

## LA SALLE

**T**he Explorers (3-6) went 1-1 against two MAAC opponents last fall and will not be outclassed this year. Three sophomores—tailbacks Brendan Mims and Rob McIntosh and wide receiver Brett Rothenburger—are viable options for junior quarterback Mike Bramowski (847 yards passing).

Coach Bill Manlove is hopeful that an improving running game and experienced secondary will make La Salle's first season in the conference a competitive one.

Junior defensive backs Rocky DeVuono (69 tackles) and Jo-Jo Pitta and senior linebacker Pat Watkins lead the defense. Up front, La Salle loses top sacker Drew Costello (11), but returns eight experienced lettermen.

## SIENA

**Y**ou know it's not a good sign when you hire a new coach and he changes his mind. That's what happened with the Saints, as Army assistant Ron James took the job and gave it back, which is just fine with his replacement, former Hobart College assistant Chris Phelps.

Phelps does not inherit a team devoid of talent. Leading rusher Sakima Grimes (633 yards), sophomore quarterback Joe Spagnolo and two receivers who each caught 28 passes last fall, junior tight end Bill Hisgen and senior wideout Chris Madigan, return from a 4-6 campaign.

Four juniors head Siena's defense: lineman Chris Trumbull (eight sacks), back Justin Ferris (65 tackles) and linebackers Brian Gehm and Joe DeMarco.

## CANISIUS

**N**ot every turnaround has a happy ending. The Golden Griffins opened 3-0, then lost seven straight, including shutouts to Georgetown, Buffalo, Fairfield and Marist.

Now, the really bad news. Canisius lost its leading rusher, Nick Adinolfi, and almost its entire defense. Junior quarterback Bryan Roland threw for more than 1,200 yards last season, but had 13 interceptions. Wideouts Jake Coppola and Mike Minnuto are back. They each caught 17 passes in '98.

*Jim Lopusznic, Fairfield*

Senior linebacker Bill Goldsworthy, senior lineman Jason Fokin and sophomore defensive end Ryan Howell will try to stop the hemorrhaging on defense.

## ST. PETER'S

**N**ew coach Rob Stern says his program "can only go one way." He needn't do much to improve on last season's 0-10 record.

Defensive end Jeran Crawford was the MAAC's defensive rookie of the year last fall after registering 35 tackles and 8.5 sacks. Two juniors, back Michael Cox (65 tackles) and linebacker Nick Marrone (56 tackles), offer hope.

The problem here is points. The Peacocks scored 21 in a season-opening loss at La Salle, but only 26 in the ensuing nine games. Sophomore quarterback James Lyver, who threw for no scores and 16 interceptions last campaign, can only improve. He'll get needed help from senior wideout Jelani Polite (37 catches, 499 yards) and tight end-punter Russ Snyder (16 receptions). Junior tailback Sylvester Miller is the team's most accomplished rusher.



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# MEAC

## Florida A&M leads fast track of improving MEAC teams.

BY DON CORBETT

**I**n a league that seems to get stronger each season, last year may have been the best in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference history. Five of the conference's nine teams won at least seven games, and three—Florida A&M, Hampton and Bethune-Cookman—participated in postseason play. At one time, all three teams were ranked among Division I-AA's Top 20.

Hampton, by virtue of its 21-14 victory over FAMU in the season's first week, won the league's regular-season title, but lost in the first round of the I-AA playoffs. Bethune advanced to the Heritage Bowl, where the Wildcats were upended by Southern University of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Despite the quality of those two teams, it was FAMU that emerged as the MEAC's best. After losing to Hampton, the Rattlers reeled off 11 consecutive wins, including a 27-17 victory over Troy State in the I-AA playoffs. It was the league's first win in the postseason since South Carolina State recorded victories in the early 1980s.

This year, all three teams should stay in the league's top tier. They'll be pushed by North Carolina A&T, S.C. State and Howard, all of whom return key players. The remaining teams face a difficult road. After getting lapped by the rest of the field, Norfolk State, Delaware State and Morgan State will attempt to make up some ground and keep pace with a group that keeps running faster each season.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Florida A&M
2. Hampton
3. Bethune-Cookman
4. North Carolina A&T
5. Howard
6. South Carolina State
7. Delaware State
8. Norfolk State
9. Morgan State

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Jacquay Nunnally,  
WR, Florida A&M

#### DEFENSE:

Deon Hunt,  
LB, Hampton

#### NEWCOMER:

JuJuan Seider,  
QB, Florida A&M

### GAMES TO WATCH

Florida A&M  
at Miami,  
September 4

Florida A&M  
at Hampton,  
October 23

Hampton  
at Bethune-Cookman,  
November 6

### FLORIDA A&M

**F**rom Bob Hayes to Willie Gallimore to Nate Newton to coach Jake Gaither, FAMU's rich football tradition is a source of pride both to the university and the Tallahassee community. Last year, coach Billy Joe's team did its part to put its stamp on the history books, rolling up more than 500 yards and 50 points per game. The Rattlers' pass-happy "Gulf Coast Offense" rang up 59 on Morgan State, 69 on Howard and an incredible 84 on Norfolk State on the way to an 11-2 season.

When you hand out whippings like that, it's only natural that the recipients will be looking for a little payback at the first opportunity. Smart money, however, says it won't be a whole lot better for FAMU opposition this year. The Rattlers have a trio of receivers who Joe believes can line up with any group in the country at any level. Jacquay Nunnally caught 93 balls for 1,316 yards and 12 touchdowns last season, while running mate Cainon Lamb hauled in 74 for over 1,000 and 12 more scores. They're both back, and will be joined by Cedric Mitchell, who had 44 catches himself. Though the Rattlers lost heavily at the running back slot, look for fullback Kenneth Williams to play a bigger role this season.

At this point, the only mystery on offense is who will throw the ball to all those gifted receivers. Joe has had a lot of success with transfers at the position. Lightning may strike again in the form of West Virginia transfer JuJuan Seider. He was scheduled to report to Tallahassee during the summer.

Defensive end Jerrod Dailey, a transfer from Youngstown State, should make a major impact on defense. Fellow linemen Tyronn Johnson and Cedric Byrd, a converted linebacker, also return. The line-backing unit is full of hitters, led by junior Patrick Burrows, the team's leading returning tackler.

### HAMPTON

**I**n 1998, coach Joe Taylor's crew finished atop the league standings for the second time in its three-year tenure in the MEAC. As good as last season was, it could have possibly been even better. There was a controversial loss to William & Mary, a one-point loss to Bethune-Cookman and a 42-34 loss to Connecticut in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs. One play here and another one there was all that separated Hampton (9-3) from an unbeaten season.

The Pirates may not go unbeaten this season, either, but they'll be successful for the same reason they've been so good throughout the '90s—defense. Last season, Hampton led the MEAC in both rushing and scoring defense. Linebacker Deon Hunt will be among the best in the country.

Hampton improved offensively last year, posting 32 points per game with its ball-control attack. This year, with a few more holes to plug on defense, the offense, with nine starters back, may have to carry the load in the early going. The dependable Roy Johnson returns for his senior season at quarterback, where he has done nothing but win since he stepped into the job as a freshman. He'll be joined by junior running back Montrell Coley, who rambled for more than 1,000 yards and 11 scores last season.

### BETHUNE-COOKMAN

**T**hough it remains to be seen whether the "Wyatt-Bone" goes down in the annals alongside the wishbone and shotgun, one thing is for certain—it truly made 1998 a year to remember at Bethune.

Coach Alvin Wyatt's unique offense helped complete an unbelievable turnaround at B-C. The Wildcats, picked unanimously in the lower echelon of the MEAC before the year began, started the season with a win over a good Savannah State team and just kept on winning, finishing at 8-3.

This season, Wyatt boasts the return of one of the league's best athletes in quarterback Pa'tell Troutman. Troutman, an option specialist, finished second in the league in rushing with 1,054 yards and 15 touchdowns.



*Tyronn Johnson, Florida A&M*

Though the Wyatt-Bone may have received the headlines, the real key for the Wildcats was a stingy defensive unit that led the MEAC in total defense and sacks. Senior linebacker Terry Doctor, the team's leading returning tackler, will be the main man.

## NORTH CAROLINA A&T

**T**he Aggies experimented with more of a multiple offense last season, abandoning coach Bill Hayes' traditional Wing-T attack. At the end of the day, though, A&T once again led the MEAC in rushing, churning out 230 yards per game. Additionally, the Aggies had an opportunistic, big-play defense that helped push the team to an eight-win season.

The scheme change was supposed to produce a more potent passing game to balance A&T's always-tough rushing attack. The results were mixed. Senior quarterback Rodney Woodruff did complete nearly 50 percent of his passes for 786 yards, but the Aggies were still next to last in the league in passing offense. Woodruff returns, but Jared Smith, who had an impressive spring, may push him for snaps.

There are some holes to fill defensively, but the fridge certainly isn't bare. Free safety Darryl Klugh may be the league's best defensive back.

## HOWARD

**T**he Bison were up and down last year, finishing 5-3 in the league and 7-4 overall. There were resounding victories over Jackson State and Bethune-Cookman, but there were also disappointing losses to North Carolina A&T and Texas Southern. This year, head coach Steve Wilson hopes his troops can return to 1996 form, when the team finished 10-2 and occupied the league's penthouse.

It won't be easy. Wilson must replace all-everything quarterback Ted White, who left D.C. with an arm full of records and touchdowns after three years of excellence. Bobby Townsend caught 11 passes last year as a wide receiver/quarterback-in-waiting. With White out of the picture, Townsend can now show his skills at QB on a full-time basis.

The Bison will have to show more discipline on both sides of the ball. Last year, Howard committed 107 penalties in 11 games, costing the team more than 1,000 yards. This year, with no White, the margin for error is smaller.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

**T**he Bulldogs roared out of the gates at 4-1, but a disappointing homecoming loss to Bethune-Cookman sent Willie Jeffries' squad spiraling in the opposite direction and they finished 5-6. State lost five of its last six games, and though the team had a pretty solid defense, the offensive support wasn't always there.

Jeffries hopes new offensive coordinator Daryl McNeill, the former head coach at Savannah State, can give SCSU opposition some new looks. His first job will be finding some consistent quarterbacking play. Craig James will start the year at the No. 1 spot, but newcomers Corey Keitt and Leon McCampbell may figure in the mix before it's over.

Defensively, Antonio Williams has big-play potential along the defensive front for the Bulldogs.

## DELAWARE STATE

**A**fter back-to-back 3-8 seasons, the once-proud Hornets bottomed out last year, going hitless in 11 at-bats in coach John McKenzie's second term.

The Hornets, however, have some offensive tools that may keep that from happening again this year. Start with quarterback Rashaan Matthews, who after missing a year due to injury, threw

for 2,609 yards and 15 touchdowns. This year, he'll again look for Albert Horsey (43 catches) and Darnerian McCants. Grayland King averaged 6.3 yards per carry and returns at running back.

One of McKenzie's main concerns on defense is shoring up a porous running defense. In '98, teams ran on Delaware to the tune of 288 yards per game. The Hornets have some nice depth at linebacker, headed by Zack Harden, the team's leading returning tackler.

## NORFOLK STATE

**N**ew coach Mo Forte will have two of the league's best players at their respective positions at his disposal. All running back Angelo Todd did last season was ramble for 1,467 yards and 19 touchdowns as a junior. The All-America candidate led the league in rushing, scoring, all-purpose yardage and averaged five yards a pop. In a league filled with pretty good quarterbacks, Maurice Selby's first season as a starter stamped him as one to watch this season. He threw for 1,807 yards in 1998, and if he can cut down on his interceptions and improve his consistency, he'll be one of the league's best this year.

Forte is changing some of the defensive schemes this season to throw some different looks at MEAC opponents. Though the Spartans may be a year or two away from getting the results they want—they gave up 45 points a game last season—Todd and Selby still make them a dangerous team.

## MORGAN STATE

**A**fter consecutive 3-8 seasons, the Bears appeared close to turning the corner toward MEAC respectability. But in 1998 Morgan dropped back down to 1-10, its 19th consecutive losing season. This year, linebacker coach Stanley Mitchell takes over for Stump Mitchell as interim head coach. He'll have about 60 returning players.

Willie McGirt threw for over 1,300 yards as a junior and returns for his senior year at quarterback. Though the Bears lost quality running back Jay Hinton, the staff is excited about the potential of Ali Culpepper, a transfer from Syracuse.

Despite the relapse from a won-loss standpoint, Morgan did have an improved defense, where several players are back. Kirk Williams and Carl Carter are a pair of solid defensive ends. ■

# NORTHEAST

## Newcomer Albany will add spice to Northeast race.

BY BILL HELLER

**T**he addition of Albany, which went 3-0 against Northeast teams on the way to a 10-1 final season in Division II, spices up a contentious race between defending champion Monmouth, Robert Morris and Wagner in the Northeast Conference.

"I think the NEC's going to be very competitive," says Monmouth's Kevin Callahan, last season's NEC coach of the year. "Wagner beat us here last year by a point. At Robert Morris, (former New York Jets coach) Joe Walton has done a tremendous job."

Albany is coached by Callahan's former boss, Bob Ford, who has taken his program from its first year as a club team in 1970 to its current Division I-AA status. "It's kind of exciting for me personally," Ford says. "It's challenging. There's going to be a lot of suffering and growing, but this is where we belong."

It may not be all that painful. Ford's Great Danes edged Monmouth 31-28 last year, as the NEC went a woeful 7-23 in non-conference games. Regardless, even Callahan knows Monmouth is the team to beat. "If you look at it on paper, we probably are the favorite," he says.

Stony Brook (N.Y.) joins Albany as a new member.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Monmouth
2. Robert Morris
3. Albany
4. Wagner
5. Central Connecticut
6. Stony Brook
7. Sacred Heart
8. St. Francis (Pa.)

Senior tailback Greg Garrett (637 yards) heads the ground game, while the addition of transfer split end Chris Phillips adds to a deep corps of receivers that features flanker Greg Butryn, Diny Cedor and tight end-punter Steve Checksfield. Tackles Jason Barra (6-5, 265) and J.T. Herfurth (6-6, 265) lead a mammoth line. Only two starters return on defense.

### WAGNER

**T**he Seahawks (7-3) finished up 5-1 without injured tailback Rick Sarille, who ran for 323 yards on a 6.3 average and five TDs in just two games before injuring his knee. John Campbell (1,035 yards, 4.7 average, 11 TDs) did a solid job replacing him and will likely move to fullback, providing Wagner with the best running tandem in the conference. Delaware transfer Lou Simone steps into the quarterback position. He'll throw to Wagner's top six returning receivers. The defense is led by seniors Cheston Bulgin at tackle and Kevin Goode in the secondary.

### CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

**S**enior tailback Mark Strasser (535 yards rushing) can't do it alone for the Blue Devils (4-6), who need to resolve a battle at quarterback, where both Keith Toolan and Shaun Ramos return. CCSU scored more than 17 points in just one game last year.

### STONY BROOK

**T**he Seawolves have 10 of 11 starters back on offense and eight of 11 on defense for their maiden voyage into I-AA after a 3-7 season. The lone loss on offense is a big one: quarterback Scott Meyer. A trio of candidates to replace him—Oscar Alcantara, Chris Vollmer or Brian Stanley—will have a solid running game thanks to Ralph Menendez (901 yards, 5.4-yard average, six TDs). Explosive wideout Lucas Niskanen (59 catches, 661 yards) is also back.

### SACRED HEART

**T**he Pioneers have enough firepower to improve on a 2-8 season. Senior quarterback Steve Ladd (715 passing yards) has two talented sophomore running backs, Kiheme Cowan (724 yards rushing for a 7.1-yard average) and Brandon Graham (624 yards). Ladd's favorite target is senior tight end Chris Wilkinson (39 receptions).

### SAINT FRANCIS (PA.)

**T**he Red Flash scored more than seven points just three times in a winless season. Three juniors will try to put life into the offense: quarterback Jeremy Swords (1,169 yards passing), tailback Lavon Everett and tight end Matt Buchak. ■

### MONMOUTH

**T**he Hawks went 4-1 in conference and 5-5 overall, but will be better this year behind senior all-NEC quarterback John DiPasquale, who completed 56.7 percent of his passes last season for 2,299 yards and 15 touchdowns. A strong defense is led by all-conference junior linebacker John Schultzel, who led the team in tackles with 96. Also back is 6-2, 240-pound all-NEC defensive end Cornell Key (30 tackles). Junior all-NEC back Aaron Edwards (86 tackles) leads the secondary.

### ROBERT MORRIS

**T**he Colonials' first losing season in their five-year history (4-6) was shaped by four losses by a total of seven points. Quarterback Tim Levick has a huge upside. He completed 55.2 percent of his passes for 1,726 yards and 19 TDs, earning NEC offensive newcomer-of-the-year honors. Sophomore linebacker Brad Miller (76 tackles) won the same award on defense.

### ALBANY

**A**lbany's explosive offense returns nine starters, including senior quarterback Eric Williams, who completed 52.1 percent of his passes for 1,339 yards, 14 TDs and just four interceptions.

#### TOP PLAYERS

##### OFFENSE:

John DiPasquale,  
QB, Monmouth

##### DEFENSE:

Cheston Bulgin,  
DL, Wagner

##### NEWCOMER:

Joe Sentipal,  
LB, Stony Brook

#### GAME TO WATCH

Robert Morris  
at Monmouth,  
October 23

# OHIO VALLEY

## Tennessee State looks to cement a return to its glory days.

BY STAN SUTTON  
BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

**T**ennessee State, boasting perhaps its best team since Richard Dent and Larry Kinnebrew played there in the early 1980s, was one of the better offensive teams in the Midwest last season and should be a force in the OVC again. The Tigers set conference records for points (430), touchdowns (61) and passing yards (3,336). Tennessee State rated fifth in Division I-AA in passing offense (303.3 yards a game), was ninth in total offense (467.2 yards) and third in scoring offense (39.1 points).

Murray State should make a run for the championship and few expect Eastern Kentucky's traditional powerhouse to repeat a 6-5 season that saw the Colonels battle injuries much of the campaign.

Meanwhile, the changing face of the OVC continues with the readmission of Western Kentucky for football only and the departure of longtime member Middle Tennessee State, which is converting to Division I-A.

Western Kentucky's return will instill a new fervor in the Hilltoppers' rivalries against Eastern Kentucky and Murray State, which prospered before WKU became a football independent in the early 1980s.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Leon Murray,  
QB, Tennessee State

#### DEFENSE:

Branon Vaughn,  
DE, Tennessee Tech

#### NEWCOMER:

Donovan Laviness,  
LB, Southeast Missouri

### GAMES TO WATCH

Eastern Kentucky  
at Tennessee State,  
October 30

Eastern Kentucky  
at Murray State,  
November 6

Murray State  
at Tennessee State,  
November 13

### PREDICTIONS

1. Tennessee State
2. Murray State
3. Eastern Kentucky
4. Eastern Illinois
5. Western Kentucky
6. Tennessee Tech
7. Southeast Missouri State
8. Tennessee-Martin

for third-year coach Denver Johnson.

Murray State lost eight defensive starters and must rebuild around tackle Steve Williams, free safety Beau Guest and inside linebacker Gary Humphrey. Johnson hopes Chris Kelly and Kareem Vaughn will help anchor the line and expects Jai Williams and Greg Taylor to increase their contributions as linebackers.

The offense is in better hands and includes former Oklahoma quarterback Justin Fuente, who passed for 2,895 yards last year. He has five receivers who made at least one start in 1998: Terrence Tillman, Joe Perez, Connie Moore, Shaun Boykins and Brandon Whitfield. Tillman had 41 catches.

The top rusher is Justin Bivins, who gained 720 yards, and he runs behind fullback Tim Linville. Mike Valenti is back at tight end on an offensive line that features all-OVC center Jason Williams, tackle Darrin LeFever and guards Ron Brown and Scott Pitt.

All-conference placekicker Greg Miller hit 15 of 19 field-goal attempts, but the Racers hope to improve their punting behind veterans Matt Garrett and Tim Hinton.

### EASTERN KENTUCKY

**T**he Colonels experienced an uncharacteristic 6-5 season in 1998 as injuries decimated key personnel and resulted in Eastern tying for fourth in the OVC. However, eight starters return from the third-best defense in the league.

Free safety Shawn Gallant and defensive tackle Jason Muchow were second-team all-OVC choices, although Muchow missed three games with a knee injury. The defense also keeps linebackers Brad Folke, who had a team-high 95 tackles, and Butch Printup. Randy Lawrence and Shorty Combs are back at defensive end, Terry Thomas at defensive tackle and Nick Sullivan at strong safety. Scooter Asel, an all-OVC defensive back in 1997, returns after being sidelined with an early-season injury. Tim Gibbens, Marcel Desir, Adam Rader and Chris Minter offer depth at linebacker and other secondary veterans are Brent Hampton, Remond Goode, Kris Nevells and J.D. Jewell.

The offense keeps five players, including standout guard Josh Hunter. Corey Crume and Derick Logan divided time at the tailback position with now-departed Brian Durham, although each battled injuries all season. Fullback Jonathan Butler returns and Waylon Chapman has the nod at quarterback.

Chapman made only one start, but threw a touchdown pass in the last minute to beat Eastern Illinois 28-24 and preserve ECU's streak of 26 consecutive non-losing seasons. Transfer Chad Collins could push Chapman.

The Colonels' top returning receiver is Alexander Bannister.

### TENNESSEE STATE

**T**ennessee State won its first Ohio Valley championship despite playing six of its seven conference games on the road. The Tigers then made their first I-AA playoff appearance since 1986, losing in the first round to Appalachian State, 45-31.

L.C. Cole enters his fourth season at TSU and was named OVC coach of the year in 1998. He keeps nine starters on offense and seven on defense.

The Tigers' ace is 6-4, 205-pound quarterback Leon Murray, the OVC offensive player of the year. He completed 183 of 353 passes for a league-record 3,002 yards and 22 touchdowns. Murray will operate behind an offensive line that remains intact and features all-conference tackle Bennie Anderson.

Tennessee State also retains wide receiver Corey Sullivan, who had 46 receptions for 923 yards. Cole must replace Tyrone Butterfield, who had 72 catches for 1,129 yards.

The Tigers' veteran defense led the OVC in pass-defense efficiency. Linebacker Brent Sterling returns as does all-OVC linebacker Lamar Carter, who had 9.5 sacks among his 12 tackles for losses.

### MURRAY STATE

**T**he Racers must do some rebuilding on defense, and facing massive Wisconsin fullback Ron Dayne in the opener will provide a real challenge

## EASTERN ILLINOIS

**V**eteran coach Bob Spoo claims the Panthers will have to improve in several areas if they are to better their 6-5 record of 1998. But keeping 15 starters will be a plus.

Eastern Illinois is seeking its sixth straight winning season, although Spoo called last year's team "mediocre." He hopes to improve the pass defense by providing a better rush and more active linebackers. He says he wants more aggressiveness.

"We were neither a good blocking nor tackling team," Spoo says.

Eastern Illinois will build around all-OVC tight end Seth Willingham and cornerback Steffan Nicholson, a second-team selection. Anthony Buich is set at quarterback and sophomore Wayne Brown replaces Justin Lynch as the No. 1 tailback.

The offensive line features tackles Brian Frana and Tim Waskow and center Matt Gehrig. Rashaan Smith and Phillip Taylor are experienced wideouts.

The defensive line retains ends Mike Carlin and Ryan Pace and tackle Andy Lee. Brian Jones and Tony Magliocco are back at linebacker and Jay Grodecki joins Nicholson in the secondary. Eastern Illinois tied for fourth in the OVC at 4-3.

## WESTERN KENTUCKY

**T**he loss of quarterback Willie Taggart leaves a major dilemma for 10-year coach Jack Harbaugh. Taggart ran for 1,313 yards and averaged 6.3 yards a crack on the ground while also completing 51 of 104 passes. He ran for 15 touchdowns and threw for eight while finishing sixth in balloting for the Walter Payton Award.

The Hilltoppers retain only seven of the 20 athletes who started at least six games during a 7-4 season. Gone are running backs Jammie Kyle and Jade Gummer, who combined for 1,176 yards,

and offensive lineman Andy Hape.

Western Kentucky is the only I-AA school that has ranked among the top 10 nationally in rushing every year of the decade. Patrick Goodman and Ray Arnold anchor the line and, along with tight end Cory Himsel and running back Rod Smith, are the only returning starters on offense.

The heir apparent at quarterback is Donte Pimpleton, who's adept at the option while running for at least 100 yards in three games. He also played wide receiver in 1998 and had 15 catches.

The defense features linebackers Melvin Wisham and Shane Ricketts, end Ben Wittman and defensive back Joseph Jefferson. Placekicker Jeff Poisel, who has hit 55 straight extra-point attempts, and punter Alan Ogletree return.

## TENNESSEE TECH

**S**pring practice saw Ronnie Sidler, a 240-pound redshirt freshman, gain the inside track for the fullback position and junior Jerome Tillman surface as the likely tailback. Wide receivers Tory Lane, Stevland Sills and Tadarrell Scott also were impressive.

"The play at wide receiver was very impressive," coach Mike Hennigan says. "That is probably our biggest strength on offense because we have proven performers and a lot of depth as well."

The offensive line is built around all-OVC players Wes Gallagher and Mark Williams, who will be supported by Montuka Murray and Anthony McCaskill. The quarterback nod apparently belongs to junior Michael Peoples with Grant Swallows in reserve.

Branon Vaughn, the OVC defensive player of the year, and another all-conference pick, Jerry Turner, hold court at defensive ends, but Zach Reed is the

*Branon Vaughn, Tennessee Tech*



only returning starter on the interior line. Jeff Hunnicutt leads a linebacking corps that also includes Chad Evitts, Ben Mebane and Brent Masingale. Free safety Burlin Peace is the most experienced defensive back.

## S.E. MISSOURI STATE

**T**enth-year coach John Mumford will have to rebuild his offensive line but still feels good about its potential. Center Chris Kiefer and tackle Ian Walters are the lone returnees, but Chad King, Chris Evertsen and transfer David Fielder are expected to pick up the slack.

The Indians have an established quarterback in Bobby Brune and good receivers in Cory Chester, Leslie Weaver, Andy Dunaway and redshirt freshman Jerl Hurling. The running backs appear solid with K.D. Koleosho, Riki Smith, Broderick Benson and Sturge Cumberford.

Southeast Missouri keeps six on defense, including nose guard Jason DeWolf and tackle Brad Richardson. Backup tackle Joel Becker and transfer Jason Moorehead will have opportunities to step up. Former starter Chad Gwilliam will be back in the fall after serving as a Mormon missionary.

David Bowling and Jeremy Atwell will join Tulsa transfer Donovan Laviness as linebackers. Veteran defensive backs include John Smith, Isaac Powell and Brian Hinton. Southeast Missouri endured a disappointing 3-8 season and was 2-5 in the Ohio Valley.

## TENNESSEE-MARTIN

**T**he Skyhawks went 0-11 but lettered a school-record 56 players in 1998, including 34 who were freshmen or sophomores. Late-season progress was evident when UT-Martin averaged 33 points in its final three conference games.

Wake Forest transfer Matt Bureson and redshirt freshman Edward Robertson will vie for the quarterback spot and will utilize receiver Rory Redmond, who had 32 receptions for 546 yards. The top returning rusher is Tim Beattie, a former walk-on who ran for 10 touchdowns.

Tennessee-Martin faces some challenges on defense, having allowed an average of 498 yards and 46 points a game last season. An undersized line is expected to improve. At linebacker, sophomore Shane Oldham, who made 69 tackles in '98, returns. Junior Johnathan Brooks is the centerpiece of a secondary expected to be much improved. ■

# PATRIOT LEAGUE

## Lehigh should edge Colgate in battle of talented quarterbacks.

BY ED LAUBACH  
EASTON (PA.) EXPRESS-TIMES

**T**he Patriot League sent two of its teams to the I-AA playoffs last season for the first time ever. Don't be surprised to see Lehigh and Colgate making curtain calls in November.

Lehigh's first postseason appearance in 18 years—an upset of Richmond followed by a tough loss to Massachusetts, the eventual national champion—was a just reward for an 11-0 regular season.

Colgate was an invitee. The Red Raiders' only regular-season losses were to Lehigh and Connecticut and Division I-A Navy. Colgate was quickly taken out of the playoffs by top-ranked Georgia Southern.

The two Patriot clubs learned one valuable lesson: They can play with any I-AA team in the country. Which program returns to the playoffs as the league champion—and which will require a special invitation—depends on which best absorbs its senior class losses.

"I voted for Lehigh to repeat, with Colgate a close second," Towson coach Gordy Combs says of his input to the league's preseason coaches poll. "Both have quarterbacks returning, and both are seniors. There's not a great difference in the two."

Lehigh's lineup is graced by five returning first team all-league players, led by quarterback Phil Stambaugh, the Patriots' player of the year and an NFL prospect. Colgate has three first-teamers, including quarterback Ryan Vena, the player of the year in 1996 and '97 who shared first-team quarterback honors with Stambaugh last fall. Together, Stambaugh and Vena passed for 5,419 yards last season (3,121 by Stambaugh). Vena adds a running threat. His 736 yards rushing ranked him No. 5 in the league.

Tradition surely is on their side. Both programs have sprinkled players onto NFL rosters over the years, and tend to be solid year in and year out.

"Colgate and Lehigh have long football traditions and have great academic reputations," Combs says. "We're in our 30th year of football."

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Phil Stambaugh,  
QB, Lehigh

#### DEFENSE:

Ian Eason,  
LB, Lehigh

#### NEWCOMER:

Jamal Bircher,  
S, Lehigh.

### GAMES TO WATCH

Bucknell at Colgate,  
September 11

Lehigh at Colgate,  
November 6

Lehigh at Bucknell,  
November 13

Lafayette at Lehigh,  
November 20

### PREDICTIONS

1. Lehigh
2. Colgate
3. Bucknell
4. Lafayette
5. Holy Cross
6. Fordham
7. Towson

The Hawks lost six all-league performers, including wideout Deron Braswell and defensive end Nick Martucci. In addition to Stambaugh and Jean, Lehigh returns three more all-league players—linebacker Ian Eason (101 tackles), punter Jay Heibel (40.7-yard average) and placekicker Jaron Taafe (50 of 50 PATs, 10 of 15 FGs). All-league offensive tackle Steve Ludwig was granted a fifth season but has a back problem. Kody Fedorchak and Rick Moore are the incumbent wide receivers, having combined for 117 receptions last season. Matt Mauriello, Avon Mack and Brian Endler have shots to replace the departed Braswell.

Eason and the linebacking corps are intact, but the Hawks lost their entire secondary, including all-league corner Saundrell Davison. Higgins expects big things from converted running back Jamal Bircher at safety.

All eyes—and pro scouts—will be on Stambaugh. "He has to continue to improve his leadership skills," Higgins says. "His effectiveness in reading defenses will be a key for us again this year. His consistency, game in and game out, will be important. Phil has to understand this is not a one-man operation we're running here.

"We've had a 1,000-yard rusher the last two years, and coupled with the No. 1-ranked passing team in the league, that gives us tremendous balance on offense. We have very capable running backs, offensive line and receivers that can catch the ball.

### COLGATE

**T**he Red Raiders make their run at Lehigh armed with multifaceted quarterback Ryan Vena, who changed the face of Colgate football when he stepped onto the field five games into the 1996 season. The three-time all-leaguer and two-time MVP is 14-2 as a starter in league games. He has taken the Red Raiders to the playoffs two years in a row. In three seasons, Vena has passed for 5,510 yards and rushed for 1,467.

A veteran offensive line led by all-league tackle Paul Clasby has one new starter. Randall Joseph and the running backs, who combined to make the Red Raiders the seventh-best I-AA rushing team in the country, are joined by a familiar name. Ed Weiss, the league's rookie of the year after rushing for 1,069 yards in 1997, is back after a year off for academic reasons. The Raiders were inconsistent defensively last year, but with nine starters back, including stand-out tackle Neal Gomez, that unit should improve.

### BUCKNELL

**T**he Bison and coach Tom Gadd will know soon enough where they stand—if they're among the league's elite or also-rans. Bucknell plays at Colgate in week two.

"That," Gadd says, "will be a real test."

The guess here is that Gadd and his staff have

### LEHIGH

**T**he season of seasons at a university that first fielded a football team in 1884 was a team effort in spite of quarterback Phil Stambaugh's prolific stats—3,121 yards for 22 touchdowns while completing a league-record 66 percent of his passes. Returning tailback Ron Jean rushed for 948 yards and Lehigh led the league in total defense, not to mention passing offense.

Head coach Kevin Higgins is trying to lift some of the weight from the 6-foot-4 Stambaugh's broad shoulders.

"We have to find new leaders in the program," Higgins says. "We lost so many effective leaders from last year's team. It's really important that (Stambaugh) be a leader for us."

more work to do. While the defense returns eight starters—among them all-leaguers Eric Green at nose guard and Shawn Redd at linebacker—the offensive line is a major concern with at least three



**Shawn Redd, Bucknell**

new faces. Some O-linemen missed spring ball, forcing Gadd's staff to go into the summer with no fixed ideas on the line. Freshmen are sure to work themselves into the two-deep in preseason camp.

Comparing the Bison with Lehigh and Colgate, Gadd sees his program catching up at quarterback with Dan McDowell, who started half of the 1997 season and all of '98, passing for 2,620 career yards and 22 touchdowns. An elusive runner, McDowell has rushed for nine touchdowns. Gadd is breaking in new wideouts, which could further hamper the offense.

## LAFAYETTE

**F**orget the loss of Leonard Moore at tailback. Forget John Green's departure from the defensive line. And fullback Tom Williams' transfer to Penn State.

The Leopards took a major hit where it really hurts—in the national spotlight—when administrators placed athletics in limbo last winter to study if they could afford them or would be better served by moving to Division III. While trustees voted to maintain the status quo, the school and football, in particular, came away with a black eye.

The product on the field could be in for a beating as well. Mike Palos, the two-year starter at quarterback, shifts to "utility" receiver, and veteran strong safety Brian Tuma goes to tailback. Brian Buczek, Palos' backup, becomes the starting quarterback. That adds up to an awful lot of maneuvering at key positions for a squad that's also going with a new fullback, split end and offensive line positions. Joe Luke is a fifth-year flanker.

Coach Bill Russo's Leopards will go as far as their defense takes them with the likes of league rookie of the year Kenya Allen at cornerback. He'll get support from Angel Colon at safety, nose guard Chad Williamson and a veteran group of linebackers headed by Ryan Hiles, whose 153 tackles led the league by a mile. Those defenders helped give the Leopards a league-best plus-14 turnover margin last year.

## HOLY CROSS

**T**he cessation of scholarships and head coach Mark Duffner's departure for the University of Maryland following an 11-0 season in 1991 sent football into a spiral from which it has yet to reverse in Worcester.

Losing football has meant disgruntled fans and vast areas of empty aluminum seats at Fitton Field. Duffner's successor, Peter Vass, tried for four seasons, and now Dan Allen enters his fourth season with more returning starters than any program in the league.

Allen reminds league fans that his 20 returning regulars are from a 2-9 squad that lost its last seven games. He also reminds them of all the injuries. Four injured offensive linemen were not able to participate in the spring. While guard Patrick Quay, a second-team all-league player, is not among the injured, the coach still has deep concerns over his line.

The Crusaders did not have a player finish among the league's top 10 rushers or receivers. They finished dead last in total offense, scoring a league-low 15.3 points per game, but did wind up third in total defense.

## FORDHAM

**T**he school is finding out the hard way that short head-coaching tenures are not shortcuts to success.

Enter Dave Clawson, the Rams' third coach in as many seasons. Clawson, 31, studied offensive football under two of the best—Hank Small and then Kevin

Higgins at Lehigh before spending the last three seasons as offensive coordinator at Villanova. Under Clawson, the Wildcats set 25 school records last year, and the year before averaged more than 40 points a game to rank as I-AA's second-highest scoring team in the nation.

Clawson sees first-hand the difference between programs with playoff potential and one that has not had a winning season in 10 years as a league member.

"Skill and depth... bigger guys and stronger guys," he says. "It isn't rocket science. We have to develop attitude, practice habits and discipline, and play hard. I expect our guys to play hard and practice hard. They couldn't stop the run last year; we're working hard on stopping the running game."

Strengths are few. Wide receiver Gerry McDermott was a second-team all-league choice after catching 58 balls for 868 yards and a league-high 13 touchdown receptions. Tight end Jim Walls caught 39 for 457 yards.

The Rams are breaking in a new quarterback to replace the graduated Steve O'Hare, the league's second-rated passer in 1998. Matt Georgia, a junior college transfer, will complete with last year's third-stringer, Dan Colonna, and sophomore Mark Carney.

## TOWSON

**O**nly one team, with one league victory in each of the last two years, is struggling more than Fordham.

"We've become more competitive in our games," says coach Gordy Combs, who has a third-year junior varsity program in place. Towson began playing football at Division III in 1969, moved to Division II in '79 and I-AA in '86. "This fall we'll have three classes recruited under Patriot League rules. We're attracting better football players."

This from a school that produced Dave Meggett for the NFL. Which brings us to tailback Jason Corle, the league's rushing leader last fall with 1,073 yards. "Jason reminds me of Dave Meggett when he gets into the open field," Combs says.

Corle was tops in all-purpose yardage (1,626) despite not returning punts or kickoffs. He is the league's top returning receiver with 61 catches for 422 yards and four touchdowns. He must stay healthy.

Combs, meanwhile, combs his roster for a quarterback, defensive linemen, a tight end and a fullback. ■

# PIONEER LEAGUE

## Drake should keep its momentum going with a second league title.

BY SEAN P. HAYDEN

THE (VIDETTE) TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

**S**omebody finally did it. Somebody finally knocked off Dayton. Drake did the trick last season and grabbed the league title with a thrilling 28-21 win over the Flyers October 10. That game wasn't decided until the final seconds when Dayton drove down to the Bulldogs' six-yard line before an interception on the goal line sealed the Flyers' fate. This year the Bulldogs have Dayton at home and look to repeat as conference champions.

As usual, those two programs are head and shoulders above the rest of the league, but it's still too early to count out Valparaiso or San Diego. The Crusaders return nine starters on a promising defensive unit. And one never knows about the Toreros. Last year was supposed to be their year, but they finished 0-4 in the league. The brutal cross-country travel takes its toll on the team, as it does to the opposition when it heads to the West Coast.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Mike Stadler,  
QB, San Diego

#### DEFENSE:

Eric Kenesie,  
FS, Valparaiso

#### NEWCOMER:

Dustin Sullivan,  
CB, Dayton

### GAME TO WATCH

Dayton at Drake,  
October 16

### PREDICTIONS

1. Drake
2. Dayton
3. Valparaiso
4. San Diego
5. Butler

### DRAKE

**S**o what do the Bulldogs have left for an encore after winning the league title with a 4-0 mark? How about doing it again? That's the aim in Des Moines, where Rob Ash always has the talent and knows how to put it together. Solon Bell returns as the trigger man on offense. The 6-foot-3, 200-pound senior from Cedar Rapids connected on 120 of 223 attempts last season for 1,790 yards and nine TDs. The big loss comes in the backfield with the graduation of Jason Grove, who left as the PFL's all-time leading rusher. Filling his shoes will be senior Peter Sylvester, who averaged 6.7 yards per carry last season and led the squad with 11 touchdowns.

When Bell looks to the outside, he's got to love what he sees, as all four of his favorite targets return, including junior wideout Robert Cade, who caught 32 passes for a 21.5-yard average and five TDs.

Drake was the league's top defensive team last season, surrendering just a shade under 18 points per game. Linebackers Luke Gansen and Jake Wilson lead the charge.

### DAYTON

**P**at McLaughlin showed some magic last season, directing a game-winning drive against Butler, then almost helping the Flyers past eventual champ Drake with another late TD drive. McLaughlin saw action in four games last season and emerged from spring practice as the front-runner at quarterback. He lacks the ability to read and react on the option, which is the staple of Dayton's offense, but is still a legitimate running threat.

A four-loss campaign and no PFL title in '98 is looked at by some in Dayton as a down year, and it's up to McLaughlin to lead Mike Kelly's crew back to the top. That may be a difficult task with only nine returning starters on both sides of the ball, but if we know anything about the Flyers, it's that they know how to get it done.

McLaughlin completed just 24 passes last year. Senior Jimmy Lee and his team-leading 566 yards and 5.9 yards per carry average return in the backfield. Lee was pressed into duty because of injury last year, but came through. He will be joined behind McLaughlin by talented junior David George, who should be at least as productive as his predecessors.

### VALPARAISO

**T**he quarterback battle waged last fall between Andy Huegli and Marrial Shields will carry over into this season. Huegli started the first nine games last year, with Shields taking over in the final two. Valpo finished 5-6 overall and 2-2 in the PFL. Senior Huegli, 89 of 185 for 1,214 yards and 10 TDs, is the more polished passer, but Shields possesses the stronger arm and is better on the option and tough to bring down on the perimeter. Nine starters return on a defense led by senior free safety Eric Kenesie, a third-team All-America last season who led I-AA with nine interceptions.

### SAN DIEGO

**K**evin McGarry returns for his fourth season in charge of the Toreros expecting to improve on last year's 2-8 record, which included a winless 0-4 in the Pioneer.

Most of the hopes for a turnaround are pinned on the arm of Mike Stadler and the hands of Dylan Ching, San Diego's dynamic quarterback-wide receiver tandem. Both players were first-team all-PFL selections last year. Stadler threw for 2,031 yards and 17 touchdowns. Those numbers are down from his sophomore year when he threw for 30 touchdowns. Ching caught 63 passes last season for 915 yards and 12 touchdowns and has the potential to surpass those numbers. Plus, it doesn't hurt to have the right guy throwing to you.

### BUTLER

**T**he Bulldogs might still be thinking about what could have been. A one-point overtime loss to Lindenwood, a four-point loss in the final minute to Dayton and a seven-point loss to Valparaiso was all that kept Butler from its best record as a I-AA non-scholarship program. Instead, the Bulldogs finished at 4-6 overall and 1-3 in the league.

Ken LaRose's troops must somehow find a way to make the plays that turn games, and that will be the charge this year. It won't be easy, as LaRose must find someone to fill the shoes of the departed Naim Sanders, who ran for 1,203 yards last year to give him three straight 1,000-yard seasons. ■

# SOUTHERN

## Eagles set to rise above challenges from the Carolinas.

BY STAN OLSON  
CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

**T**he heart of the Southern Conference has always been the Carolinas, where five of the league's nine football-playing schools reside. But in recent years the SC's power has been found elsewhere. For most of the decade it was centered in West Virginia with Marshall's Thundering Herd. But the Herd has been gone now for three years.

And the Carolinians have taken over, right?

Not exactly. Instead, the power has simply moved from the SC's most northern outpost to its most southern. Last season, Georgia Southern, only a league member since 1993, reached the Division I-AA championship game in quest of its fifth national title before falling to Massachusetts in a slugfest, 55-43.

But while the Eagles are loaded again, look for some thunder across the Carolinas as well. Appalachian State, always tough, will be so again, but the biggest surprise might be a rejuvenated Western Carolina. Furman, once the SC's signature program, might also be ready to make some noise.

After getting just one NCAA playoff bid in '97, the league received two last season. With most teams expecting improvement (but don't they always?), three bids are possible this time.

By the way, the SC, which didn't fire a single head coach last season, has only one new face this time. That belongs to Virginia Military Institute's Cal McCombs, who should know what it takes to win at a military school after 15 seasons as defensive coordinator at Air Force.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Georgia Southern
2. Western Carolina
3. Appalachian State
4. Furman
5. East Tennessee State
6. Wofford
7. The Citadel
8. Chattanooga
9. Virginia Military

'98, but then it didn't have to be. Its 24.2 points per game allowed was good enough. Six defensive starters return, among them All-America nose tackle Voncellies Allen (6-0, 286, Sr.).

The Eagles are talented and well-coached, and have lost just one of their last 16 SC games.

### WESTERN CAROLINA

**T**his is Bill Bliel's third year in charge of the Catamounts, and it's already time for the payoff. A 3-8 first try was followed by 6-5 last season, and now Western is ready to make a run at the league's big dogs.

Reason No. 1 is depth; the Catamounts suddenly have lots of it. Bliel redshirted 42 players last year, and now the six returning starters each on offense and defense can expect lots of help.

Reason No. 2 is strapping 6-3 senior quarterback Shawn Snyder. The Tennessee transfer was injured for almost all of last year, but is fully recovered and ready to show off an outstanding arm. He's backed up by capable junior Justin Cella, an Illinois transfer who threw for 1,015 yards in '98.

Reason No. 3 should be Snyder's primary target, redshirt freshman Jeremy Carter. A 5-9 lightning bug of a wide receiver, Carter made believers in spring practice when no one could cover him.

There's more. Six-foot-2, 220-pound tank Brad Hoover shifted from fullback to tailback last season and mauled the league for 1,663 yards and 13 TDs.

The defense will be deep and dependable. Leading the way is 6-2, 280-pound defensive tackle Anthony Jenkins, an all-SC pick who had seven sacks in '98.

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN

**T**he Eagles, despite a sensational 14-1 season and an 8-0 run through the conference, finished the season as unhappy campers when they were upset by Massachusetts. They're determined to get back to the title game again, and they have the material and experience to do so under third-year coach Paul Johnson, who is 24-4 so far.

Consider that seven starters, including QB Greg Hill, return from an offense that was second in Division I-AA in rushing (378.7 yards), scoring (42.5 points) and total offense (492.5 yards). And consider that the Eagles were held to three-plays-and-a-punt just 26 times all season.

Hill, a senior, led the Eagles' spread offense on the ground (1,587 yards) and in the air (1,638). And he didn't work alone, often handing off to Adrian Peterson, who gained a stunning 2,615 rushing yards (and 34 TDs) as a redshirt freshman. Also, all-conference linemen Mark Williams (6-1, 312, Sr.) and Rich McGrath (6-2, 283, Sr.) return to gouge open holes for the backfield boys.

The defense wasn't the force the offense was in

### APPALACHIAN STATE

**C**oach Jerry Moore's Mountaineers turned in another strong season last year, with a 10-3 record that included a 6-2 second-place SC finish and a trip to the national quarterfinals. The Apps hope to go even farther this fall.

Those hopes rely in large part on an example of the rare two-headed quarterback. Last season, David Reaves (1,770 yards passing) and Daniel Jeremiah (545 yards) split time at the position, and the offensive engine didn't miss a beat. Expect more of the same this time, even though Jeremiah was recovering from a medial collateral ligament torn in spring practice. A solid corps of receivers awaits their tosses, including senior Daryl Skinner (57 catches, 916 yards, five TDs), Luke Manuel and Rashad Slade.

Terrence McCall (6-0, 210, Jr.) also returns at tailback, where he piled up 1,242 of the Mountaineers' 2,477 rushing yards. The backfield, though, will be only as good as its offensive line, and that line was decimated by the loss of four key blockers.

The "3" in ASU's 4-3 defensive alignment temporarily dropped to "1," since Joe Best (104 tackles)

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Greg Hill,  
QB, Georgia Southern

#### DEFENSE:

Voncellies Allen,  
NT, Georgia Southern

#### TOP NEWCOMER:

Jeremy Carter,  
WR, Western Carolina

### GAMES TO WATCH

Western Carolina  
at Georgia Southern,  
October 9

Georgia Southern  
at Appalachian State,  
October 16

Chattanooga at East  
Tennessee State,  
November 13

Western Carolina  
at Appalachian State,  
November 13

# SOUTHERN

is the only returning starter at linebacker. But nine other defensive starters are back from a unit that led the league in scoring defense (17.1), including all-SC selections Rocky Hunt (6-0, 270, Sr.), a force at defensive end, and senior safety Chuck Payne.

## FURMAN

**F**or the past two years the Paladins have failed to live up to expectations, and last season's 3-5 SC mark and 5-6 overall record was particularly disappointing. Maybe this time, with eight starters returning on offense and seven more on "D," the little school in Greenville, South Carolina, will get it right.

A lot depends on junior QB Justin Hill, who threw for 1,120 yards and six TDs a year ago but was slowed by a mid-season ankle injury. His favorite target should again be 5-9 senior Desmond Kitchens (35 catches, 560 yards).

Sixth-year coach Bobby Johnson is doing some shuffling in the backfield, where senior Stuart Rentz (608 yards rushing) returns at tailback. The offensive line returns four starters, including guard Ben Hall (6-4, 274, Sr.).

The defense should improve from the unit that surrendered 372 yards a game and managed just 10 sacks, down from 32 the year before.

## EAST TENNESSEE STATE

**T**he Buccaneers went after their third straight winning season last year, and the quest fell flat (4-7, 3-5 SC). Now third-year coach Paul Hamilton will try to jump-start his rebuilding program again.

Much of the needed construction materials are in place, starting with a 5-10, 208-pound powerhouse of a tailback named Brandon Walker, the school's all-time leading rusher with 3,015 yards. In spring practice, Hamilton told the world that his offense would revolve around Walker, who shared the spotlight last season with fullback Brian Edwards.

But the Bucs won't be one-dimensional. Quarterback Todd Wells, the SC's top freshman two years ago, threw for 1,435 yards a year ago and seems fully recovered from a late-season knee injury. He'll target senior receiver Lamar Cooper (44 catches, 950 yards, eight TDs).

The defense is built around perhaps the league's finest linebacking corps, a rugged trio of Kevin Peterson, Terrieic Robbins and Derrick Fudge.

## WOFFORD

**T**he Terriers are the smallest football-playing school in Division I-A or I-AA, with an enrollment of 1,100. But that doesn't make them pushovers. After a 2-6 league mark in their 1997 SC debut, they improved to 3-5 last season (4-7 overall), finishing strong with a 40-20 blowout of rival Furman and a 29-27 near upset of tough I-A foe Marshall.

Although only 10 starters return from that unit, 41 of 55 lettermen are back. In addition, the normally ground-oriented Terriers flashed an air attack down the stretch, throwing for more yards in their last three games than in their first eight. Veteran coach Mike Ayers liked that, and plans on more of the same this year.

That's in the hands of rapidly improving sophomore quarterback Travis Wilson, the team's top rookie in '98, and rival Allen Thompson, a junior. Wilson held a slight lead after spring practice.

Ayers, though, isn't junking his run-oriented "wingbone" attack. Much of the ball-carrying will be done by Will Hunter (5-9, 203, Sr.), who averaged 6.1 yards a carry in '98, and Nathan Price (5-11, 195, Jr.). The biggest problem will be replacing four graduated starters on the line.

## THE CITADEL

**J**ust when the Bulldogs (5-6, 4-4 SC) were getting this football thing figured out last fall, the season ended. Coach Don Powers' squad wrapped things up by winning four of its last six, including wins over nationally ranked Furman and Hofstra. But the keys to that rejuvenated offense graduated—quarterback Stanley Myers and tailback Antonio Smith.

Seven starters return, though, led by senior Deon Jackson, who shifts from fullback to tailback after gaining 424 yards last season. The quarterback situation is a bit dicey, with inexperienced sophomore Chris Eckert battling redshirt freshman Joe Call for the job. The line is in better shape, led by second-team all-SC picks Chip Simmons at center and Jason Barley at tight end.

The defense has six starters back, but that's not necessarily good since it allowed an average of 394 yards a game.

## CHATTANOOGA

**L**ast year, coach Buddy Green's fifth, was supposed to be the year everything fell into place for the Mocs. It didn't work out for a number of reasons,

among them a difficult schedule, and Chattanooga finished 5-6.

The offense, which returns only three starters, will start over, most likely behind SMU transfer Chris Sanders, who heard that the Mocs are building a more wide-open passing attack under new coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick and decided to come be a part of it.

The defense will be just as inexperienced, but Chattanooga should get a boost with the return of senior defensive end Ed Jones from academic problems.

## VIRGINIA MILITARY

**T**ed Cain spent two years trying to turn the program around, and got a 1-21 record for his efforts. Now Cal McCombs, a Citadel graduate who has worked at military schools for 28 of his 30 years in coaching, will get a shot, along with a five-year contract.

McCombs has scrapped Cain's pass-oriented offense in favor of the option-based flexbone attack that has worked at the service academies in the past.

The new offense will need running backs to make it go. The key is probably junior Teray Frost (37 catches, 654 yards, six TDs), who has been moved from wideout to slotback to take advantage of his big-play potential.

*Greg Hill, Georgia Southern*



# SOUTHLAND

## Northwestern State can smell a three-peat.

BY BILL SMITH

**P**eople who like jigsaw puzzles would love the Southland Football League. If you like finishing jigsaw puzzles, this isn't your league. Although five of the eight teams have the players to make a run at the title, from top to bottom each team is missing pieces.

Northwestern State should be the favorite to become the first three-peat champion since the early 1970s, but the Demons lost more than last year's Southland player of the year, New York Jets draft pick Jermaine Jones. McNeese State returns most of a young team that came painfully close to the title, falling 14-10 at NSU, but the Cowboys lost most of their coaching staff. Troy State has the skill players, but graduation gutted both lines. Jacksonville State went from 1-10 to 7-4, but loses the league's offensive player of the year, quarterback Montressa Kirby.

In the end, home field may decide the title. This season, Northwestern's championship hopes may come down to two weekends in October, as the Demons travels first to Troy, then to McNeese after an open date. A sweep isn't necessary for Northwestern to repeat, but two losses would be fatal.

The man who brought McNeese back to power in the Southland, Bobby Keasler, has departed and taken a portion of his staff to Division I-A independent Northeast Louisiana. Keasler, however, is not forgotten, as his two coordinators now become rival head coaches: Kirby Bruchhaus at McNeese and Mike Santiago at Stephen F. Austin. Daryl Dayo also takes over at Nicholls State.

With all the uncertainty, this could be the season for someone unexpected to break through, like Southwest Texas, which returns nine starters on each side of the ball and took six of its seven losses last year to top 25 teams.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Blake Prejean,  
QB, McNeese State

#### DEFENSE:

Anthony Rabb,  
LB, Troy State

#### NEWCOMER:

Kelvin Sherrod,  
DB, Northwestern State

### GAMES TO WATCH

Troy State at  
Northwestern State,  
October 9

Northwestern State  
at McNeese State,  
October 23

Troy State at  
McNeese State,  
November 13

## NORTHWESTERN STATE

**D**efense wins championships and if coach Sam Goodwin's unit matures quickly, Northwestern State becomes the first Southland team since 1974 to win three straight championships. The Demons return three key starters, led by top tackler Jake Michel at linebacker and All-America safety Mike Green. Northwestern must replace the entire front four and a pair of pro draft secondary picks.

Taking on a pair of I-A teams in September isn't the type of seasoning that a young defense needs. Michel is joined by Damion Brown, a freshman starter at linebacker last year. NSU has the defensive front to handle the run, but Goodwin believes finding a pass rush is the key. Newcomer Kelvin Sherrod from East Mississippi CC is the player expected to soften the loss of Green in the secondary.

The Demons' plan is to outscore opponents early in the season until the defense finds itself. It should be easy with the entire receiving corps plus

a pair of solid quarterbacks returning. The quarterbacks are Brad Spangler (1,479 yds passing, 11 TDs) and redshirt senior Bo Meeks. Tailback Tony Taylor was all-Southland as a freshman and just six yards shy of 1,000 yards, adding eight touchdowns. The line is anchored by senior center William Broussard.

NSU lost a lot to the NFL—three draft picks and two free-agent signees—off an 11-3 team that reached the I-AA semifinals. The Demons rely on Goodwin, the Southland's coach of the year in 1998, to see them through. This season will demand his best performance.

## MCNEESE STATE

**E**very first-year coach should be as fortunate as Kirby Bruchhaus. The former defensive coordinator becomes the head man at his alma mater this season. He inherits a team loaded with talent—eight starters on both sides of the ball and some solid skill-position players. Even the conference schedule favors Bruchhaus. The Cowboys have both

Troy and Northwestern State at home.

Bruchhaus will receive plenty of help in his dream job. McNeese will be led by senior quarterback Blake Prejean and sophomore tailback Jessie Burton. Prejean is the top returning player in the league for total offense with 2,078 passing yards, while Burton was the Southland's only 1,000-yard rusher (1,037 yards, 18 TDs). Four of five offensive linemen return to open holes for Burton and protect Prejean. The weakness is at wide receiver, where former backups Keffian Smith and Eric Chew take over.

Defense has defined McNeese for years, and Bruchhaus' boys expect another sweep of the Southland statistical charts. The loss of Charles Ayro at linebacker will hurt, but senior defensive tackle Brian Gill, senior free safety Tarius Davis and sophomore strong safety Joe Judge should pick up the slack. The secondary improves with the return of former starting corner Jerod Jones from knee surgery.

Last season, seven points were the difference for McNeese—a four-point loss to NSU and a three-point upset by Massachusetts in the NCAA playoffs. That motivation should outweigh any loss of momentum from a change of coaches.

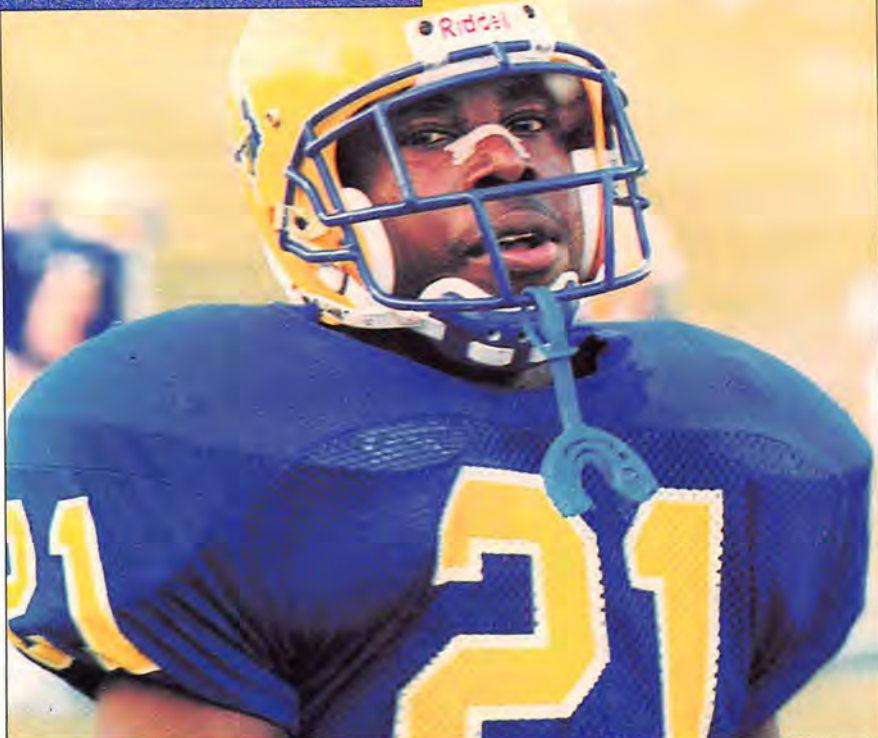
## TROY STATE

**T**he Trojans didn't lose a lot from last season's 8-4 team, but for coach Larry Blakeney to take Troy back to the NCAA playoffs he needs to work on chemistry. The catalysts of both lines are gone, most notably 6-6, 300-pound offensive tackle Cleve Roberts and 6-4, 290-pound defensive tackle Marcus Spriggs. Blakeney will count on talented youth like lineman Oliver McCord (6-5, 275) and key transfers such as senior Mookie Moore from Alabama meshing with returnees Al Lucas at defensive tackle and offensive tackle Charles Thomas.

### PREDICTIONS

1. Northwestern State
2. McNeese State
3. Troy State
4. Southwest Texas State
5. Jacksonville State
6. Sam Houston State
7. Stephen F. Austin
8. Nicholls State

# SOUTHLAND



Blakeney's team might be next year's champions. There are lots of underclassmen in the skill positions, like sophomore quarterback Brock Nutter (104 of 181 in '98 for 1,435 yards) and tailback Wayne Thomas. Nutter was solid as a freshman. He'll be working with senior wide receivers Mareno Philyaw and Pop Williams, each of whom had 18 catches last season. Senior linebacker Anthony Rabb led the team in tackles and, along with junior linebacker Nick Colbert and senior cornerback Eric Sloan, represent a solid core on defense. Troy's forte was rush defense, making the advancement of the line important.

## SOUTHWEST TEXAS

**B**ehind Southland newcomer of the year Sperton Wynn, the Bobcats got better, but could not get over the hump into the top half of the standings. The 6-4 senior quarterback (1,851 yards passing) has the advantage of both of his top receivers—juniors D'Angelo Torres (51 catches, six TDs) and James Stewart (37 catches)—returning. Also, all five starting offensive linemen return, led by senior Bill Wyman. What Southwest lacks is a proven rusher with the departure of 700-yard man ReShawn Brown.

On defense, the Bobcats have all three of their top tacklers back, led by sophomore linebacker Myron Coleman. Coach Bob DeBesse begins his third season at San Marcos and, in spite of 18

*Jessie Burton, McNeese State*

starters and 38 letter-winners returning, his team remains young. When he returned to Southwest, DeBesse made a commitment to restore the program with an influx of freshmen. The next two seasons should be the payoff.

## JACKSONVILLE STATE

**T**hird-year coach Mike Williams made a convincing case for Southland coach of the year, turning around the Gamecocks from a pitiful 1-10 to a respectable 7-4, good for fourth place.

Williams' prospects for avoiding a return to the bottom half of the league rest on finding a replacement for the conference's offensive player of the year, quarterback Montressa Kirby, his favorite receiving target, Ronald Bonner, and running back Tywone Dyson. Since those three accounted for about 80 percent of the Gamecocks' yardage, it is no small task.

Until redshirt freshman quarterback Reggie Stancil can get his sea legs in the pass-oriented system, JSU's fate rests with returning defensive starters like senior linebacker Alton Murphy (90 tackles) and junior defensive backs Natarsha James (73 tackles) and Delvin Hughley (39 tackles). Williams adopts an attacking eight-man front on defense to keep the pressure off Stancil, and hopes that senior fullback-turned-tailback Daniel Kirkland can provide more run offense.

## SAM HOUSTON STATE

**I**njuries destroyed Sam Houston last season, but the Bearkats' 3-8 woes could be 1999 blessings. Coach Ron Randleman returns a pair of starting quarterbacks. Sophomore Matt Buss (1,444 yards passing) took over at quarterback when junior starter Albert Bradley (911 yards in 1997) went down in the first game of the season. Oklahoma State transfer Chris Chaloupka joins them. The three QBs have the core of the offensive line returning, led by two-time all-Southland senior center Victor McKnight. The Bearkats also have skill-position depth with the likes of junior wide receiver Matt Dominguez (57 catches, 805 yds, six TDs). Randleman must address the loss of his offensive tackles and six defensive starters. A 31-player recruiting class, including 14 jucos, was his solution.

## STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

**N**ew head coach Mike Santiago will keep the equipment manager busy this summer. Only 14 starters return from the first losing season in six years at SFA, most of them on offense. Still, Santiago has thrown open every position during spring drills. The former offensive coordinator at McNeese, Santiago starts his building project at quarterback, as a pair of transfers, Wes Pate from Louisiana Tech and Albert Sanchez from nearby Tyler JC, battle for the top spot. Only four starters are back on defense, but fortunately two were among last year's top three tacklers: Perry Eliano (99 tackles) and Brandon North (62 tackles).

## NICHOLLS STATE

**T**he Colonels are the opposite of most of the Southland teams. Rookie head coach Daryl Dayo has the advantage of eight returning starters on defense, led by senior lineman Ernie Badeauz and Jody Hebert and linebackers Kevin Johnson and Kazlo Morris. Dayo's big job is offense. He inherits a senior chassis—linemen like Brian Junius and Kevin Jones plus receiver Allen Morton and running back Tawaokie Anderson (387 yards rushing, eight TDs)—but no engine with quarterback Brad Zeller gone. Zeller dominated the offense as the team's leading rusher (582 yards) and passer (2,367).

# SWAC

## Southern has look of a winner in new-look SWAC.

BY CHUCK PICKARD

**A**nother chapter in the storied 78-year annals of SWAC football will unfold this season, and league officials are pointing toward a history-making campaign filled with the usual excitement and fanfare. The SWAC will sport a new look with a 10-team alignment, which has opened the door for divisional play.

Alabama A&M, which joined the conference as an affiliate member last summer, will compete in the Eastern Division, which also includes perennial power Jackson State, Alcorn State, Alabama State and Mississippi Valley. The Western Division will be comprised of defending champion Southern, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Grambling, Texas Southern and Prairie View A&M.

Jackson has been labeled as the team to beat for the Eastern crown, with Alabama A&M providing the stiffest challenge. Southern is favored to win the Western title over Arkansas-PB, and the Jaguars are picked to win a third straight league championship.

Talent is plentiful in a league that has produced Walter Payton and Jerry Rice. Jackson senior wide receiver Sylvester Morris and Southern senior linebacker Channing Warner head an all-star cast that also includes offensive lineman Terrance Beadles (Arkansas-PB), running back Destry Wright (Jackson) and punter Matt Bushart (Southern).

With teams spread over five states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas), the SWAC receives strong fan support. This was evidenced in 1998 when the conference led Division I-AA in home attendance for the 21st straight year by averaging 13,850 fans. The total home attendance figure of 516,047 ranked 12th among all NCAA teams.

### TOP PLAYERS

#### OFFENSE:

Sylvester Morris,  
WR, Jackson State

#### DEFENSE:

Channing Warner,  
LB, Southern

#### NEWCOMER:

Moses Herrera,  
QB, Texas Southern

### GAMES TO WATCH

Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
vs. Southern  
(at Baton Rouge),  
September 11

Texas Southern at  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff,  
October 9

Jackson State  
at Alabama A&M,  
October 23

### EASTERN DIVISION

#### JACKSON STATE

**T**he Tigers extended their run of non-losing seasons to 14 straight in 1998 by reeling off a 7-4 record, and coach James Carson's troops are primed to pick up the pace in the upcoming campaign. The veteran mentor has three good reasons to be optimistic as he heads into his eighth season at the JSU helm. Stellar running back Destry Wright returns along with the dynamic aerial combo of QB Mark Washington and WR Sylvester Morris.

All-America accolades are well within the grasp of this explosive senior trio based on their school-record performances last season. Wright rushed for a league-high 1,528 yards while scoring 10 touchdowns and averaging 5.7 yards on 267 carries. Washington threw for 2,232 yards and led the SWAC with 26 scoring strikes. Morris topped the conference in both receiving yardage (1,258) and touchdown catches (17).

Inexperience in the secondary and lack of depth in the defensive line pose problems, but steady play

from veteran linemen Jason Marshall and Eric Chandler will help stabilize matters.

### ALABAMA A&M

**A**s the new kid on the block, the Bulldogs displayed the same tenacity that their nickname implies by going 4-2 against SWAC opponents in 1998, including a 33-27 win over league champion Southern. Although the games did not count in the conference standings, coach Ron Cooper's charges served notice that they are a team to be reckoned with in the 1999 title chase.

Fifteen starters return from a team that finished 5-6 and was on the brink of posting a winning record before dropping a 27-24 squeaker to Alabama State in the season finale. With a Michael Jordan sighting, there is ample reason for optimism in the Bulldog camp. Alabama A&M's Michael Jordan put up team-

leading numbers as a receiver with 22 catches for 490 yards and four touchdowns last season.

Transfer quarterback Tony Bellamy is being groomed to replace Roland Hayes, who rushed for a team-best 639 yards and seven touchdowns to go with nine TD tosses. Senior running back Chris Doss (543 rushing yards) owns top-flight credentials.

Linebackers Michael Pickney and Jamaal Ware, who ranked one-two on last season's tackle chart, are the leading head-hunters on the defensive unit.

### ALCORN STATE

**D**r. Johnny Thomas took over an ailing Alcorn program in 1998, and promptly started the Braves on the road to recovery by going 5-6, easing the pain of three straight 4-7 campaigns. A nail-biting 29-28 loss to the league champion Southern Jaguars prevented the Braves from topping the .500 mark.

The talented trio of running back Rodney Thomas, quarterback Damion Ford and offensive tackle Chad Slaughter are the headline-grabbers among 17 returning regulars. Thomas racked up 1,286 yards on the ground (the second-highest total in the pass-happy conference) to earn a spot on the all-SWAC first team. Ford threw for 2,164 yards and 18 touchdowns to claim SWAC newcomer-of-the-year honors. Slaughter was chosen for the all-league second team.

Linebacker Clifford Thomas (61 tackles, including 33 solo stops) rates top billing on the defensive side of the ball.

### ALABAMA STATE

**T**he Hornets had trouble getting off the ground last season despite the aerial heroics of quarterback Darnell Kennedy and wide receiver

# SWAC

Damon Hodge. Coach Ron Dickerson is hoping last season's fast finish that saw his team win four of its final five games will carry over into the 1999 campaign.

With Kennedy and Hodge heading a cast of 10 returning offensive veterans, chances are excellent that the Hornets will break from the barrier quickly. Kennedy completed 53 percent of his passes (199 of 375) while throwing for a league-high 2,411 yards. Hodge hauled in 83 balls (13 more than league runnerup John Foreman of Southern) for 1,022 yards and nine TDs.

Inexperience at several key positions on defense was a major concern entering spring practice. Linebacker Chris Daniels (72 tackles) and defensive back Eric Hudson own top credentials.

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

**T**he Delta Devils will rely on an upgraded defense to right their sinking ship under new head coach Latraia Jones, who replaces Larry Dorsey at the helm. Seven defensive mainstays, headed by All-America candidate Anthony Bonner (6-1, 285), will give the Devils a meaner look in 1999. Marlon Evans and Sexton Torrence are strong fixtures up front, while Sam Dickerson and Norco McGuire are steady linebackers.

Question marks abound on offense, however, with the cupboard bare of experienced running backs and receivers. Senior QB Melvin Williams, who threw for 1,235 yards and 10 touchdowns, will operate behind a veteran offensive line that features Terrance Ware (6-3, 340) and Hosea Minnieweather (6-3, 335).

Marcus Sims, Joseph Todd and Anthony Hunt return in the secondary, which needs to tighten up after allowing 22 TDs through the air in 1998.

## WESTERN DIVISION

### SOUTHERN

**A**fter posting back-to-back 8-0 records against SWAC opponents, the Jaguars face a huge hurdle as they go gunning for a third straight league title under coach Pete Richardson, who guided SU to Black College national championships in 1993, 1995 and 1997. The Jags capped their 9-3 season in 1998 by winning the Heritage Bowl for the fourth time in five years.

Although nine regulars are listed among 47 returning lettermen, there

are gaping holes to plug on the offensive unit, which includes only two returnees—tackle Damon Nivens (6-6, 320) and tight end Dan Anderson (6-6, 240). Junior Troy Williams, who appeared in five games after starter Sam George went down with an injury, inherits the quarterback job.

Linebackers Channing Warner and Shannon Smith spearhead the defense. Matt Bushart is the SWAC's best punter.

## ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

**A**lthough still in the toddler stages by SWAC standards, the Golden Lions continued to flex their muscles last season by going 8-3 for the second year in a row. And coach Lee Hardman's team will be trying to land a knockout punch in its third season of league competition. Three players with All-America potential—tackle Terrance Beadles, defensive back Greg Wesley and wide receiver Kevin Williams—head a group of 13 returning regulars who will toss their hats into the ring. Tim Jasper and Chris Collins will join Wesley in a secondary that helped UAPB lead the league in total defense.

## GRAMBLING

**S**tepping into the coaching shoes of the legendary Eddie Robinson was a big challenge for Doug Williams, who returned to his alma mater as grid boss in 1998. And the former NFL quarterback put his best foot forward by guiding the Tigers to a 5-6 record on the heels of successive 3-8 seasons. The G-Men flirted with a winning mark, falling two points short as the result of a 14-13 overtime loss to Alabama A&M. All signs point to a winning campaign in 1999, with nine offensive and nine defensive regulars in camp.

Senior QB Lionel Hayes is coming off a splendid showing that saw him throw for 2,349 yards and 19 touchdowns with only 11 picks. Wide receivers Scotty Anderson (54 catches for 874 yards and nine TDs) and David Thompson (32 grabs for 578 yards) present excellent targets. Ends Richard Scott and Seneca Knight and tackle Dante Newell are battle-tested defenders.

## TEXAS SOUTHERN

**R**iding the momentum of the school's best start in 46 years, the Tigers (6-5) topped the .500 mark for only the second time in two decades by reel-

ing off four straight wins at the outset of the 1998 campaign. Coach Bill Thomas, who guided the Tigers to a 7-4 record in 1996, will build his seventh TSU team around a cast of 15 returning regulars, including 10 defensive mainstays.

Big things are expected from junior QB Moses Herrera off his spectacular showing at San Bernadino (Calif.) Junior College, where he passed for 4,600 yards and 43 touchdowns in two seasons. Herrera will be throwing to an excellent group of receivers that includes Markus Howell, Goldy Jackson, Cortez Hankton and multi-talented Joey Jamison.

The defense features all-SWAC performer Scott Harrell (10 pass break-ups) in the secondary along with three players who earned second-team honors—linebacker Dwan Epps and linemen Carl Davis and Fred Day (6-3, 310).

## PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

**A**lthough the Panthers salvaged only one win in 1998, PV fans had ample reason to celebrate after coach Greg Johnson's beleaguered crew slipped past Langston 14-12 in the fifth game of the season. The elusive victory ended an 80-game losing streak (longest in collegiate annals at all levels) and represented the school's lone win in the '90s. Johnson looks for his third Panther squad to build on last year's slump-breaking triumph.

The Panthers will attempt to shed their label as a league pushover behind a gritty group of 19 returning regulars, including four All-America nominees—linebackers Courtney Miller and Steven Garner, defensive lineman Antonio Scott and receiver Deontay Wilson.

### Destry Wright, Jackson State



# I-AA INDEPENDENTS

## Watch for the Dutchmen to fly high among I-AA indys.

BY LES KOVACH

### HOFSTRA

**T**he Flying Dutchmen should again be a top I-AA program, with 15 starters back from an 8-3 team. The offense, fifth in scoring last year (38.7 ppg), remains a team strength behind All-America candidates Giovanni Carmazzi and Vaughn Sanders. Coach Joe Gardi (70-27-2 in nine years) must develop the secondary and restock the offensive line.

Quarterback Carmazzi (227 completions for 2,751 yards and 18 TDs, plus 443 yards and 11 TDs rushing) was sixth in total offense with 290.4 yards a game. Running back Sanders (143 rushes for 1,094 yards and 12 TDs) and senior Jimmy Jones (94-577-5) are dangerous in the backfield. Guard Mike Rescigno and tackle Corey Holland, both seniors, and junior tackle John Ciampi provide experience along the line. Junior Steve Jackson (55 catches, 671 yards) leads the receiving corps.

New defensive coordinator Chip Garber will try to improve the defense around senior middle linebacker Jim Emanuel (team-leading 94 tackles) and a deep linebacking corps, including senior Casey Mahoney. Three starters return up front: senior tackles Jim Magda and Damon Sinicropi and junior end Khary Williams. Senior safety Amad Anderson will guide a young, talented secondary. Junior Chad Johnson led I-AA in field goal accuracy in 1998.

### SOUTH FLORIDA

**E**ntering just its third year as a program, USF appears on track to its goal to join Conference USA in 2001 and plays its first I-A opponent, San Diego State, to open the 1999 season. The Bulls, 8-3, improved their two-year record under coach Jim Leavitt to 13-9. The defense returns intact, but four starters must be replaced on offense.

Though they need to find a new starting quarterback, Bulls' coaches like the group they'll choose from. Glen Gauntt, who looked good in one start last year, completed nearly 63 percent of his passes in limited action and has the early lead. Freshman Marquel Blackwell and JC transfer Mike Usry will challenge for the starting job. They'll throw to a group of tall receivers led by 6-2 senior R.J. Anderson, last season's top wideout (25 catches, 418 yards, six TDs). The offensive line features a couple of 300-pounders on the left side in guard Cedric Bell (6-3, 305) and tackle Kenyatta Jones (6-4, 310), but needs to develop. Rafael Williams, who averaged six yards per carry, returns at tailback.

#### TOP PLAYERS

##### OFFENSE:

Giovanni Carmazzi,  
QB, Hofstra

##### DEFENSE:

Fred Bishop,  
LB, Samford

##### NEWCOMER:

Dashan Turner,  
DL, Liberty

#### GAMES TO WATCH

South Florida at  
San Diego State,  
September 4

Cal Poly at Hofstra,  
September 25

The defense should be a strength, led by returning linebackers Jason Butler, Vassay Marc and Demetrius Woods, all juniors. Butler tied for the team lead with 90 tackles in just six starts. Safeties Roy Manns and Anthony Henry anchor the secondary. The Bulls add a highly touted recruiting class.

### MOREHEAD STATE

**F**ollowing the most successful season in school history (9-2), the Eagles, who established 18 school records last year, have reason for optimism in 1999. Coach Matt Ballard will lean heavily on quarterback David Dinkins, who became only the third quarterback in I-AA history to both rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a single season.

Dinkins, the team's leading rusher (1,169 yards), averaged eight yards per carry, rushed for 20 TDs, completed 110 of 221 pass attempts and threw for 14 touchdowns. He'll be rejoined in the backfield by fullback Adam Stegeman (632 yards rushing, six TDs) and Nicholas Wooldridge, who averaged 7.5 yards per carry and scored five times in eight games as a freshman. Also returning is halfback David Bone, who missed most of 1997 and all of 1998 with a knee injury. Center Jason Tillett and tackle Adam Bowen are the top offensive linemen. Receivers Toby Moeves and Brian Ramsey combined for only 11 catches in 1999.

Defensively, MSU must replace two of its top three tacklers from last season, but has talent to build around, including second-leading tackler linebacker Greg Brady. Tackles Jeremy Binakonsky and Ben Brown and end Ronnie Wiafe, the team's sack leader, anchor the front line. Three starters return in the secondary: corners T.J. Perry and Marcus Turner and safety Larry Webb.

### SOUTHERN UTAH

**T**he Thunderbirds, 5-6 in 1998, will go as far as their I-AA-leading ground game will carry them. Southern Utah returns 17 starters and third-year coach C. Ray Gregory looks to build on last season's strengths.

After setting an NCAA record for rushing yards by a quarterback (1,553), junior Matt Cannon is back to lead the offense. He needs 170 yards to become No. 2 on the school's all-time career rushing list behind fullback Brook Madsen (2,888 career yards). Madsen returns from a broken arm that sidelined him after rushing for 145 yards and four touchdowns in the season-opener. Rod Madsen rushed for 989 yards and 11 touchdowns as the starting fullback last season. Sam Elliot, Kam Brown and Terry Rose provide additional threats and seniors Andy Nelson and John Uriarte return along the line.

Josh Roberts (team-leading 115 tackles) emerged at the strong safety position last year and leads eight returning starters on defense. He is joined in the secondary by three-year starter Chad Huntsman (four interceptions) and two-year starter Clint Brown.

## SAMFORD

**T**he Bulldogs' hopes of reaching the I-AA playoffs for the first time since 1992 will depend on the development of the quarterback position and depth along both lines. Last year's 6-5 team (5-0 at home) rushed for 2,000 yards, but threw for only 1,139. Coach Pete Hurt has 15 starters and 46 total lettermen returning.

Junior Mitch Williams has the early lead on the starting quarterback job. Previously a receiver, Williams surprised coaches with his arm strength and comfort with the offense. Redshirt Josh Kellet will get playing time, too. The top four pass-catching threats from last season—junior wideout Jon Pointer and senior tight end Michael Watson and running backs Jerome Russell and Terry Salter—will again be the primary targets. Russell (894 yards rushing) and junior Rashad Brewer (661) lead the running game.

Seven starters return on defense. Leading tackler Fred Bishop (136), a potential All-America at middle linebacker, is rejoined by outside linebackers Marquince Wilder (102 tackles) and Alvin Garrett. All are seniors. Corner George Roby and strong safety Khalief Stamps provide experience in the secondary.

## CAL POLY

**A**fter a disappointing 3-8 season marred by injuries, the Mustangs and third-year coach Larry Welsh look to rebound. Once again, Cal Poly will rely on the run game, which averaged just under 200 yards per game, and a talented defense.

With the graduation of all-time career rushing leader Antonio Warren, Craig Young, last year's leading rusher, will carry an even heavier load this season. He posted 146 carries for 943 yards and five touchdowns splitting time with Warren. Quarterback Andy Jepson, who started the first two games last season, will compete with transfer Kevin Cooper for the starting job. Senior Troy Henry and sophomore Adam Herzing are the top two targets. Henry was second on the team with 25 catches and first with six TD receptions. Herzing (23.3 yards per catch) played in every game as a true freshman. Center Dan Loney leads three returning starters on the line.

The defense is led by cornerback Kiko Griffin, who topped the team with four

interceptions and added 48 tackles. Steve Prejean (six sacks) and J.J. Janabajal (60 tackles) anchor the line. All-Independent linebacker Osbaldo Orozco has led the Mustangs in tackles in each of the last two seasons.

## ST. MARY'S (CA)

**T**hough last year's 2-8 record was their worst since 1969, the Gaels gained much-needed experience. They return 17 starters and 39 lettermen, but 10th-year coach Mike Rasmussen will encourage competition at every position.

The offense will focus on improving the running game, which averaged just 102 yards a contest (No. 106 in I-AA). Senior Brandin Young (810 yards rushing) gained a school-record 250 yards in the last game of 1998. Fullback and three-year starter Peter Sousa finished second on the team with 168 yards on 50 carries. All five starters return up front, led by senior and three-year starter John Newel and junior Jed Bodger. Marc Kleiman (26 receptions) is the top returning receiver. Quarterback Chad Thomas returns from a knee injury and will be challenged by transfer Casey Preston.

Eight starters return on defense. The line's performance, which allowed 209 yards rushing a game, may dictate St. Mary's success. Star Coree Thomas must be replaced and Chris Underwood is the only returning starter up front. He'll get support from middle linebacker Brian Gardner (97 tackles) and fellow senior linebackers Will Booker and John Antonini.

## CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

**T**he Buccaneers are poised for the first winning season in the program's history. With nine starters returning on each side of the ball from last year's 3-8 team, coach David Dowd's (16-68) ninth season should be a charm.

Last season's offense produced a school-record 3,303 yards and returns all of its major components. Senior quarterback Brooks Combs (school-record 1,594 passing yards) needs to improve on his rushing (2.4 yards per carry) and may be challenged for the starting job. Senior Andre Goldsmith (32 receptions, school-record 762 yards, seven TDs) is CSU's all-time leading receiver with more than 1,400 career yards. The other top weapon is leading rusher Vinson Blain (774 yards, six TDs). Fullback Booker Peake also returns.

Defensively, the Buccaneers are led by an outstanding secondary, including

junior defensive back Antonio Simmons, a I-AA independent all-star who topped the team with 89 tackles. He is joined by juniors Mike McHoney and Marcus Littlejohn and seniors Omar Payne and Larry Stroud. The linebacking corps needs to be rebuilt around senior Josh Bender (85 tackles) and junior Jason Watson. The top defensive linemen, Gary Hamby and Garrett Plyler, combined for 12 sacks last year. All-America punter Clay Williams must be replaced.

## LIBERTY

**T**he Flames are anchored by a pair of senior All-America candidates in both backfields this year. Coach Sam Rutigliano will rely on Stacy Nobles to lead a trio of senior running backs and on strong safety and honorable-mention All-America Torrey Rush to guide an experienced secondary. Liberty will have to overcome the loss of several key starters, including two-time All-America middle linebacker Jesse Riley, to improve on last year's 5-6 record.

Nobles, (1,040 yards rushing, 11 touchdowns) looks to become Liberty's all-time leading rusher. He is joined by seven other returning starters on offense. Running backs Walt Heilig (503 yards, six TDs rushing), the Flames' leading receiver last year (32 catches), and Alonzo Mathews will also get playing time. Junior QB Christian Newsome (2,245 yards, 11 TDs, 16 interceptions) will be pushed by backup Biff Parson and red-shirt Clint Patterson. Trey Miller leads an underachieving group of receivers. Tackles Darryl Galmon and Ben Martin are the only returning starters on the line.

The defense returns nine starters, including three seniors in the secondary: Rush, the team's No. 2 tackler (105), Randall State (team-leading four interceptions) and corner Ramsey Moore.

## ELON

**E**lon officially completes its transition to I-AA this season and becomes eligible for postseason play as an independent. Fourth-year coach Al Seagraves (16-17) has reason for optimism as the Fightin' Christians return 22 regulars from last year's 5-6 squad.

Junior quarterback Derrick Moore, the team's leading rusher in 1998 with 834 yards and eight touchdowns, will again direct Elon's wishbone offense. He is joined in the backfield by returning starters Steven Ferguson (743 yards,

12 TDs), Chris Bryan (598) and Daren Bethea (465). Wide receiver Brian Broadie and tight end Rae Brown are seldom-used targets. The offensive line is a solid run-blocking unit, featuring tackle Tim Holliday and guard Greg Raines.

The Fightin' Christians' improving defense returns intact. Tackle Kelly Forrest and end Jerome Nelson (school-record 27 career sacks), both I-AA all-Independent selections last year, lead the way. They are backed by an aggressive linebacking corps: Roger Allen (team-leading 77 tackles), Kyle Hinshaw and Stephen Bloodworth. Corner Mario Thompson, who led the team with six interceptions, anchors the secondary. Punter Mark Gould (39.4-yard average) returns after his best season.

## AUSTIN PEAY

**A**s Austin Peay continues its transition to non-scholarship football, a new talent pool must be established. Considering the Governors were 4-7 last year and lost 13 senior starters (15 scholarship players), coach Bill Schmitz knows it's going to be a difficult transition.

The team's strength will be an experienced defensive backfield. Three starters return in the secondary: junior corner Johnny Bell, junior free safety LeNorris Staples and senior strong safety Tennillie Hudgins. Senior Dedric Maffett and junior Justin Schrader, the second-leading tackler, return at outside linebacker. Ted Skipper is the only returning starter on the line.

Only two starters return along the offensive line (junior guards Larry Washington and Mike Allen), so new quarterback Brian Baker will need to take advantage of his mobility. Baker started a pair of games last year and completed 40 passes for 393 yards. Senior running back DeAunta McAfee, the leading rusher (686 yards) and scorer (12 TDs) a year ago, will miss spring practice while recovering from toe surgery. Junior Darren Sharp and sophomores David Sweetland and Mike Farrell, who combined for 25 catches, are the projected starting wide receivers.

## DAVIDSON

**T**he Wildcats rode one of the nation's best defenses to an 8-2 record in 1998. Despite returning eight starters on defense and seven on offense, a repeat performance will be difficult. Coach Tim Landis (27-33-1, six years) will again look to his defense, which ranked first in I-AA

against the pass, second in points allowed and fourth in total defense. Davidson is hoping for back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1958.

Junior nose guard Bo Henderson led the team in tackles (94) and sacks (seven) and earned all-star recognition. The secondary returns three starters, including corner Donnie Johnson (five interceptions), and safety Bryan Fish is back from an injury. Starting linebackers Sam Fraundorf and Freeman Belser also return.

Fullback Eric Ferguson led the team for the third straight season with 633 yards rushing, but tailback is not as strong. Junior Shaun Tyrance, who started in 1997 and missed most of 1998 with an injury, and wide receiver Mike Tarvar (14 catches as freshman) are the leading candidates to start at quarterback following the graduation of Tommy Dugan, the Wildcats' career leader in total offense. Roland Williams (20 receptions) is the top returning receiver.

## ST. JOHN'S

**I**n early spring St. John's announced it would play this season as a I-AA independent, leaving the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. The Red Storm will rely on a nationally ranked defense and senior quarterback Steven Kalberer, hoping to improve on last season's 6-5 record. Coach Rob Ricca (134-81-1 in 21 years at St. John's) must find skill players to provide Kalberer with support.

The defense returns eight starters, including senior free safety Ken Krapf, who led the country with nine interceptions. He'll lead an experienced secondary. Anthony Zito (team-leading 18.5 sacks) and leading tackler Rob Feise must be replaced, but No. 2-sacker Elliot Hulse (12) and end Erik Grzan return to anchor the line. Linebackers Josiah Mooney and Rich Hosein (84 tackles) provide solid support.

Kalberer threw for 1,181 yards on nearly 50 percent passing, but must improve his touchdown-to-interception ratio (eight TDs, 13 interceptions). Patrick Keena (23 catches) will have a chance to be the featured back. Peter Dileo (37 catches, team-leading 541 yards receiving) provides experience at wide receiver. Senior center Steve Gordon anchors the line.

## JACKSONVILLE

**T**he Dolphins and coach Steve Gilbert embark on their second season with a lot of young, improving talent.

They'll look to the offense to improve on last season's 4-5 record.

The offense returns intact. Six regulars return on the line, led by sophomore tackle Robbie Olson. Sophomores Greg Portee and Jon Underhill combined for 1,393 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns. Quarterback Gary Cooper completed 53 percent of his passes for 1,593 yards and 10 TDs and showed poise as a freshman. His top target is sophomore Rico Tillman (team-high 33 catches for 550 yards).

The defense must improve on the 28 points and 375 yards per game it yielded last season. Sophomore All-America candidate Justin Yowell (60 tackles, team-high 11 sacks) is the undisputed leader from his end position. Tackle Ryan Hockett (five sacks) provides support. Leading tackler Eric Wells (68) returns at corner.

*Giovanni Carmazzi, Hofstra*



# DIVISION II

## Northwest Missouri will keep its penthouse privileges.

BY GREGG DEWALT  
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**N**orthwest Missouri State may be the perfect rags-to-riches story. Better yet, the Bearcats are the classic example of a team going from the outhouse to the penthouse in just four short years under coach Mel Tjeerdsma. The outhouse portion of the Northwest Missouri saga came in 1994 when Tjeerdsma suffered through a disastrous 0-11 season in his first year at the school.

The penthouse portion of the story comes in the form of the school's first perfect season and national championship. Just four years after not being able to win a single game, the Bearcats forgot how to lose.

Northwest Missouri capped its perfect season last December with a 24-6 win over perennial Division II power Carson-Newman at Braly Stadium in Florence, Alabama.

On the way to the title, the Bearcats beat two-time defending champion Northern Colorado, denying Joe Glenn's team of a chance to tie North Alabama's Division II record of three straight championships.

"It was hard for us to swallow," Tjeerdsma says of the painful 0-11 season. "It was quite an experience because the staff I brought in, we all came out of very good programs.

"On the other hand, it served as motivation. Even when we were 0-11, we were confident we'd get it turned around."

Instead of answering questions about when his team will win, Tjeerdsma now answers questions about whether the Bearcats can win another Division II title.

Tjeerdsma's team will find out what it's like to be the hunted this season as everybody will take aim at beating the national champion Bearcats. The Bearcats have some holes too fill, too, as quarterback Chris Griesen (3,147 yards, 27 TDs) now finds himself fighting for a job in the NFL and three key offensive linemen are also gone.

Travis Miles inherits the quarterback job from Griesen, with limited experience, but his comfort level should be high throwing to All-America wide receiver Tony Miles.

"There may not be a better corps of receivers in Division II," Tjeerdsma says. "They are definitely a big key to our season offensively."

There are more holes to fill defensively. The entire secondary is gone, as is All-America linebacker Aaron Crowe. But All-America defensive end Aaron Becker (14 tackles for loss, seven sacks) is back for his senior season and Brian Williams (109 tackles) will move inside to middle linebacker in place of Crowe.

linebacking corps returns intact. Offensively, all-purpose player Ques Rumph caught 40 passes for 610 yards and six touchdowns. He returned two punts for touchdowns. Running back Melvin Oates flirted with the 1,000-yard mark.

**SLIPPERY ROCK** has one of the more recognizable names in college athletics and it appears the Rockets have taken over as the premier Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference power.

The Rockets, 23-4 over the last two years, had their season end with a 47-21 loss at Carson-Newman in the semifinals, but they seem to be in position to make a similar run in 1999. Leading the way is two-time conference MVP quarterback Randy McKavish, who has accumulated more than 5,000 total yards the past two seasons. Stan Kennedy, a running back with 2,075 yards in two seasons, returns to run behind an offensive line that returns intact. The defense will be led by All-America cornerback Brian Polk (eight interceptions) and linebackers Mike Waszczuk and Mike Welhorsky.

**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA** (12-1) finished the regular season unbeaten and ranked No. 1 before losing in the second round of the playoffs. With three All-America players among 14 returning starters, the Bronchos are on the verge of contending for the national championship. Tailback Reggie Donner (1,546 yards, 19 TDs) will be running behind another All-America in guard John Fitzgerald. On defense,

**Randy McKavish, Slippery Rock**



### GAMES TO WATCH

Pittsburg State at  
North Alabama,  
September 4

Northwest Missouri at  
Nebraska-Omaha,  
September 4

Slippery Rock at  
Indiana, Pa.,  
October 9

**CARSON-NEWMAN** always seems to be in position to win the national championship, but getting past the final hurdle has proved to be difficult. The Eagles, under coach Ken Sparks, came up a win short in 1998—the second time in three years that's happened.

One thing you can bank on is that the Eagles will have a say in deciding the national championship. As usual, Sparks has a lot of great players returning from last year's 12-2 season. Cedric Killings will anchor the defense from his tackle position and the

Johnnie Jones intercepted 11 passes and broke up 20 more.

It wasn't Corte McGuffey's fault that **NORTHERN COLORADO** didn't extend its run of national championships to three. All McGuffey did in 1998 was throw for 2,547 yards and 32 touchdowns while completing 63 percent of his passes. Coach Joe Glenn will look to revamp the running game to take some of the pressure off McGuffey, who has a wide array of targets in the passing game. On defense, All-America defensive end Aaron Smith is in the NFL, leaving linebackers Scott Zimmerman and Jamie Heiner to carry the load. In the secondary, Martin Jones is a big-play cornerback coming off a season in which he intercepted five passes and blocked five kicks.

**TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE** (11-3) always seems to have a bumper crop of potential stars in the wings and this year is no different. Coach Ron Harms has to find replacements for 10 starters, but 23 players who took redshirt seasons last year should provide ample talent from which to choose. The Javelinas have plenty to build on, including quarterback Terrance Bennett, who averaged a team-high 84.7 yards rushing per game. Bennett will run behind All-America guard Cliff Clemons (6-4, 300), tackle Jeff Chase (6-5, 300) and center Robert Garza (6-2, 285), the Lone Star Conference's freshman of the year.

**WEST GEORGIA** (10-2) has won back-to-back shares of the Gulf South Conference and the next hurdle for the Braves is to finally win a playoff game. With Harlon Hill Trophy candidate Jeremy Clements (24 TD passes) throwing to Roscoe Pounds (62 catches, 10 TDs), the offense should be explosive. Defensive end Vinson Cooper leads a defense that returns eight starters.

**SHEPHERD** (10-2) made its statement in 1998, reaching the playoffs and then beating perennial Division II power Indiana, Pa., 9-6 in the opening round of the playoffs. The Rams have plenty of firepower to win the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference again as All-America running back Damian Beane and return specialist James Rooths are back. Rooths returned five punts for touchdowns in 1998.

**UC-DAVIS** (10-2) seems to always be in the championship picture. The Aggies will be going after their 30th consecutive winning season. To achieve that goal, they will rely on a defense that returns eight starters on a unit that held seven



**Reggie Donner, Central Oklahoma**

teams to less than 20 points. Offensively, coach Bob Biggs must replace quarterback Kevin Daft, who was selected in the NFL Draft.

Defending Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference champion **GRAND VALLEY STATE** (9-3) loses Jeff Fox and his 30 touchdown passes and running back Rick Granata and his 1,132 yards and 18 touchdowns. Coach Brian Kelly will try to replace them with Division I transfers QB Jeff Ziegler (Illinois) and RB Jerome Knox (Colorado State). Nine starters return on defense, including Dan Gibbons, who had nine sacks and 17 tackles for losses at defensive end.

Defense is the name of the game at **INDIANA, PA.** (10-2). The Indians finished in the top 10 in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense and have nine starters back. Defensive ends Roger Wilson and Eric Neff know how to get

after quarterbacks, combining for 23.5 sacks a year ago.

**NEBRASKA-OMAHA** (9-3) has established itself as one of the premier teams in the North Central Conference, winning two of the last three conference titles. To repeat, coach Pat Behrns must replace quarterback Ed Thompson, who directed an offense that averaged 440 yards per game. Whoever wins the quarterback job will be operating behind an offensive line that returns All-America tackle Chris Bober (6-5, 313).

For three years, **NORTH ALABAMA** owned Division II football. Now the Lions have trouble making it to the playoffs. The Lions (8-2) were left out of the playoff mix for the second time in three years despite having two NFL draft picks on the roster. The good news is that nine

## DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA TEAM

### OFFENSE

QB	Corte McGuffey	SR	Northern Colorado
RB	Rashaan Dumas	SR	S. Connecticut
RB	Damian Beane	SR	Shepherd
OL	Andy Carr	SR	Winona State
OL	Chris Bober	SR	Nebraska-Omaha
OL	Cliff Clemons	SR	Texas A&M-Kingsville
OL	Brian Minehart	JR	Slippery Rock
OL	Craig Capone	JR	New Haven
TE	Ben Fairbanks	SR	Western Washington
WR	Tony Miles	JR	Northwest Missouri
WR	Kevin Ingram	SR	West Chester
KR	James Rooths	JR	Shepherd
PK	Jason Williams	JR	Southern Arkansas

### DEFENSE

DL	Vinson Cooper	SR	West Georgia
DL	Cedric Killings	SR	Carson-Newman
DL	Aaron Becker	SR	Northwest Missouri
DL	Dan Gibbons	SR	Grand Valley State
LB	Scott Zimmerman	SR	Northern Colorado
LB	Antonio Speed	SR	Valdosta State
LB	Kevin Nagle	SR	East Stroudsburg
DB	Brian Polk	SR	Slippery Rock
DB	Johnnie Jones	SR	Central Oklahoma
DB	Travis Welch	JR	Winona State
DB	Matt Walker	SR	Morningside
P	Ty Hartung	SR	Northern Michigan

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starters are back on offense, including quarterback Tyler Peterson.

**PITT STATE** (7-3) missed the playoffs for the first time since joining Division II in 1989. All three of the Gorillas' losses were on the road. The Gorillas will rely on defense to return to postseason play. Linebacker Wes Baker and defensive back Andrew Poling will try to make up for the loss of defensive linemen Ben Peterson and Chad Webb.

**NORTH DAKOTA** (8-3) has some positions to fill if it intends to return to the Division II playoffs. The Fighting Sioux lost nine starters on offense, including the entire offensive line. But nine starters are back from a squad that led the North Central Conference in scoring defense.

**CHADRON STATE** (9-2) is expected to be in the mix for another Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title if coach Brad Smith can adequately replace 18 seniors. Best of the returning starters is defensive end Casey Beran, who had 12.5 quarterback sacks and 13 tackles for losses. A double threat, Beran scored seven touchdowns while playing full-back in goal-line situations.

Five points separated **SOUTHERN ARKANSAS** (8-2) from a Gulf South Conference championship, an undefeated season and a second straight trip to the playoffs. With seven offensive starters returning on both sides of the ball and Jason Williams, one of the nation's best kickers, back, the Muleriders should challenge for the playoffs.

It's not often that **NORTH DAKOTA STATE** (7-4) is left out of the playoff mix, but 1998 was one of those years. The biggest question facing the Bison is who will play quarterback. Five players are in the mix, including senior Jake Josetti,

who started at Ball State in 1997 and part of 1998.

**MILLERSVILLE** (8-2) barely missed the playoffs after winning the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East title. The Marauders will miss All-America wide receiver Mike McFetridge, but Harlon Hill Trophy candidate quarterback Drew Folmar (3,069 yards, 30 TDs) shouldn't miss a beat with Sean Scott (73 catches, 1,008 yards) running routes.

**WINONA STATE** has dominated the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in recent seasons, but coach Tom Sawyer would like to see the Warriors take the next step to the playoffs. With all-purpose player Carson Welch (1,962 all-purpose yards) and defensive back Travis Welch (eight interceptions) back, the Warriors are favored to win another conference title.

**NEW HAVEN** played for the Division II championship in 1997, then plummeted to 5-5 in 1998. But the Chargers hope to build on a three-game, season-ending winning streak for new head coach Darren Rizzi. Eight offensive starters return, as do four defensive starters.

Ken Heupel's first season at **NORTHERN STATE** was a good one as the Wolves won eight games and snapped conference champion Winona State's 17-game winning streak. Heupel's next task will be to unseat Winona atop the league standings. With Tyrone Morgan (1,838 yards) leading the way, that's a distinct possibility.

Defending Gulf South Conference champion **DELTA STATE** (8-3) has a new coach in Steve Campbell, but plenty of experience back from last year's team that made its first-ever playoff appearance. The offense needs former All-America pick Tregnel Thomas to bounce back from last year's season-ending knee injury.

After leading Division II in rushing for two straight seasons, new **SAGINAW VALLEY** coach Randy Awtrey wants to

throw more often in 1999. But the Cardinals still have tailback Marlion Jackson, who rushed for 1,119 yards despite starting only the last five games. Nine starters are back from an outstanding defense.

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT** has 18 starters back from an 8-2 season, including Harlon Hill Trophy candidate Rashaan Dumas, who rushed for 1,459 yards and 24 touchdowns.

## OTHERS TO WATCH

**BENTLEY** (8-2) returnees Mark DeBrito, Matt Rapoza and Ted Larkin combined for 27 of the team's 36 touchdowns last season. The Falcons will need that firepower as only three defensive starters return.

**PACE** has 15 starters back from a 5-5 campaign, including Robert Freehan, an All-America safety.

Only a one-point loss to Pace kept **C.W. POST** (7-3) from playing in the Eastern Football Conference championship game. All of the Pioneers' skill-position players return.

The Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference has several teams trying to unseat Grand Valley and Saginaw Valley State. **ASHLAND** (7-3) will rely on a veteran offensive line and hope that tailback Matt Otero, hampered by injuries last year, can return to his freshman form when he rushed for 1,030 yards.

**FERRIS STATE** (5-5) dominated the MIFC for five seasons, but the Bulldogs haven't made the playoffs since 1996. The Bulldogs should be explosive with nine starters, including quarterback Matt McCarthy, receivers Neal Mozdierz and Clarence Coleman and tailback Mo Harris returning.

Injuries prevented **NORTHERN MICHIGAN** (5-5) from contending for the MIFC title, but the Wildcats did upset Grand Valley while winning four of their last five.

Brannon Smith threw 18 touchdown passes for **ANGELO STATE** (6-4) and he's got his top three receivers returning.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY** (7-4) will play its final season in the Lone Star before moving to the Gulf South in 2000-2001. Of the four losses, two were to playoff teams and one was against I-AA opponent Southwest Missouri.

**BEMIDJI STATE** has 10 offensive starters returning, including Chris Meyer, who needs 12 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher after collecting 1,466 yards and 15 touchdowns last year.

Scott Zimmerman, Northern Colorado



# DIVISION III

## Expanded playoff system won't slow Mount Union, Trinity.

BY MIKE GOENS

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**M**ount Union coach Larry Kehres knows how tough it is to be perfect. His Purple Raiders have done it better than any other college football team in recent years, having won 42 straight. In Division III being perfect is generally what it takes to make it into the NCAA playoffs. In some cases—and there are three or four examples every year—a perfect season isn't enough.

That could be changing with the expansion of the playoff field from 16 to 24 teams this season.

"It's a big improvement," Kehres says. "It's a big thrill to experience playoff football, and now more kids will get that experience."

Trinity coach Steve Mohr agrees. He remembers when the Tigers were the only Division III team west of the Mississippi River and being located in Texas attracted little attention among the division's mainstream.

"It's got to help the situation for teams that are where we were a few years ago," Mohr says. "You'll see some new faces in the playoffs."

Fifteen conference champions will get automatic bids. Eight other teams will be chosen from independents and winners of leagues that don't receive an automatic berth. There is also one at-large selection. At playoff time the top two rated teams in the four regions will receive a first-round bye.

Kehres is one who would rather see the field expanded to 32 teams so all teams would have to play in the first round. Some coaches say lopsided scores will be routine in early-round games. Yet, the biggest complaint comes from conferences that are generally regarded as the strongest and deepest. The Ohio Athletic Conference is a prime example, with Mount Union, Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio Northern and John Carroll all considered Top 25-caliber.

"Stronger leagues will be hurt, but there's a lot of positives," says Ohio Athletic Conference commissioner Tim Gleason. "We have a dog-eat-dog-type thing right now. Division III football has been the least accessible postseason playoff in the NCAA, with only 16 of 218 teams getting in previously. This is a good thing."

The playoff field will all be chasing Mount Union again this season, and Mohr's **TRINITY** team is expected to have the best chance of unseating the Raiders. Trinity and Mount Union hooked up in the semifinals last year, with the Raiders rallying in the second half for a 34-29 win.

The Tigers have 20 full-time starters and their punter and placekicker back from that 12-1 squad. They have won 22 of their last 24 games.

"Last year, people said we were a year away, but our guys played extremely well," Mohr says. "I don't ever remember being associated with a team that had this many starters back. The expectations are going to be high, and our goal will be to win it all."

"We gained a lot of confidence in the playoffs. We beat Lycoming, the team ranked No. 1 by a lot of people, and led Mount Union on their home field

in the fourth quarter. They were disappointed that they didn't win, but we gained some confidence."

Trinity will turn to a passing attack that averaged 45 passes a game. Senior quarterback Michael Burton now holds 17 school records after throwing for 4,124 yards and 39 touchdowns last year. Wide receiver Bo Edwards caught 80 passes for 1,125 yards and David Coney is one of the country's best offensive linemen.

"You've got to throw the ball to be competitive in the '90s," Mohr says. "We can't get the big, strong 300-pounders up front in Division III who will overpower people. We have good people who execute the passing game. We never feel like we're out of a game."

The Tiger defense has nine starters back, led by Jeremy Day and John Paulvisosky.

**MOUNT UNION** has already secured its place as the team of the decade in Division III, having won 108 games and four national titles, including three in succession. The 1998 crown might be the most satisfying after the Raiders won their first three playoff games by nine total points.

Mount Union is trying to equal a college football record of four straight national titles, a feat accomplished only by Division III counterpart Augustana nearly two decades ago.

"We really don't talk about it," Kehres says. "It's something I'm aware of because Augustana beat us twice during that time, and they knocked us out during my first year as head coach here. I know everyone tried to model their team after Augustana during those days. They were where we all wanted to be."

The Raiders' hopes, at least early in the year, will rest with a veteran offense led by the strong arm of quarterback Greg Smeck. He completed 66 percent of his passes while throwing for 4,049 yards and 34 TDs. Center Tom Bauer is solid up front, and receiver Adam Marino caught 74 passes for 1,737 yards last season.

Kehres says the young players who have been awaiting their chance must deliver on defense, as only four starters return. End Matt Domin had 108 hits last year and linebacker Justin Sloan is a leader.

The runnerup slot as the team of the '90s likely goes to **ROWAN**. The Profs have been in the national title game in five of the last seven years. If a capable quarterback is found, they will challenge again. Wide receivers David Trinidad and Taman Bryant combined for 98 catches last year. Rowan has a strong offensive line led by Jarryn Avery, and tailback Justin Wright is expected to take advantage of that strength. On defense, linebackers Mark Hendricks and John Gavlick and end Cornelius White lead a unit that has six starters back.

**LYCOMING** flirted with greatness last season, but a perfect regular season soured in the playoffs. The Warriors have 15 full-time starters back and are expected to be among the nation's elite again. Defense will be the key as eight starters return. Defensive linemen Cameron Coleman and Mark Seagreaves control play up front, and linebackers John Scanlan and Jesse Gambone are big-play artists who combined for 10 interceptions last season. The entire offensive line, led by Mike Kemmerer, is back

### GAMES TO WATCH

Albion at Mount Union,  
September 11

Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
at Saint John's,  
September 11

College of New Jersey  
at Rowan,  
October 2

Wittenberg at  
Allegheny,  
October 16

Emory & Henry at  
Catholic,  
October 30

Buffalo State at Ithaca,  
November 13

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along with receiver Tim Dumas. Transfer quarterback Ryan Swailes could make the difference.

At **WITTENBERG**, an experienced offense will be asked to help the Tigers improve on an 11-1 season that ended in a two-point loss against Mount Union in the national quarterfinals. Eight starters return to the unit, with quarterback Anthony Crane, receiver Labon Storts and running back Casey Donaldson delivering big-play potential. End Kris Dobyms and linebacker Dustin Goldsbury will be asked to hold an inexperienced defense together early.

**WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE** is expected to again be the best in the tough Wisconsin league. The Bugolds, who have shown



**Cameron Coleman, Lycoming College**

steady improvement under coach Bob Nielson, moved to the national semifinals before being eliminated last year. They know something about defense and 19 of the top 22 defenders are back. Names like Adrian Wilson, Blake Handrick, Chad Ludescher and Dan Henken are well known around the league. The offense must find replacements at quarterback and two tackle slots.

**BUFFALO STATE** was another hard-luck loser in the semifinals last year, but the squad lost only eight seniors. "With experience comes high expectations," says Bengal coach Jerry Boyes, who has 15 starters back. Quarterback Chris Henry threw for 2,100 yards and receiver Derek Baker averaged 22.6 yards per catch. Both

running backs also return. On defense, Greg Rogers had 12.5 sacks and linebacker Jon Crumley is solid.

The year will hold special significance at **ST. JOHN'S**, where legendary head coach John Gagliardi (353-105-11) enters his 50th coaching season. The Johnnies have five starters back on offense and defense, but those totals are misleading since many younger players got experience during the 11-1 season. Three big guns are back: quarterback Tom Linne-man (2,116 passing yards and 26 TDs), receiver Ben Sieben (36 catches for 506 yards) and running back Chris Moor. Senior linebacker Brandon Novak, who had 130 tackles, including 22 for losses, is back along with linebacker Beau LaBore (108 tackles).

**CATHOLIC** is entering the Old Dominion Conference and is already considered the favorite. The Cardinals put up 36.4 points per game last year and return key performers. Quarterback Derek McGee, who is missing part of his ring finger, passed for 1,732 yards and 16 TDs last year as a freshman. Running back Andrew Notarfrancesco (127.9 yards per game), guard Anthony Bottoni and receiver Mike Hunter (87 catches for 1,279 yards) are also back. Catholic's defense is always tough against the run and linebackers Brian Hee and Justin Flint will head the unit.

**WESTERN MARYLAND** got to taste of playoff action last year and 15 starters—eight on offense and seven on defense—are anxious to get back and make an impact. The defensive unit forced 34 turnovers and will be led by linebacker Tom Selecky, cornerback Marvin Deal (seven interceptions) and linebacker Matt Meiklejohn (13 sacks). Quarterback Ron Sermarini accounted for 25 touchdowns last year.

**ALBION** generally tries to maintain a low profile, but the Britons are usually in the hunt for national honors. This year

will be no different. Quarterback Jason Whalen is a proven winner. He threw for 19 touchdowns last year while giving up only three interceptions. Defensive backs Adam Rojas and Dan Deegan lead the defense.

**PACIFIC LUTHERAN** enjoyed its first season in Division III last season by getting to the playoffs. The Lutes hope an experienced offense, with 10 starters returning, will lead them back. Fullback Anthony Hicks averaged 100 yards per outing and quarterback Chad Johnson completed 58 percent of his passes. Linebackers Jeremy Johnson and Tim Lax will be counted on defensively.

Defense will be a trademark at **ALLEGHENY**. The defense yielded 14 points a game last year and eight starters are back from the 8-2 squad. Linebacker Cory Belaney had 120 tackles. The key will be on offense, particularly the quarterback position. Billy Andrews is a quality lineman and running backs Shane Ream and Jeremy Snyder are back.

**CENTRAL COLLEGE** has a run of 38 straight winning seasons, the second-longest stretch in the NCAA. The Dutch have also been to the playoffs 11 times since 1984. The program loses 14 starters but keeps 34 lettermen. Offensive linemen Jared Blum, Reid Evans and Daryl Rauser will be counted on heavily. On defense, the linebackers will be the strength, with Jeff Sanger heading the group.

**MILLIKIN** could be the team that surprises the country. The Big Blue, coming off a playoff season, has 15 starters and 40 letter-winners back. The defense, led by linebacker Bob Meyer, allowed 14 points per game and has six starters returning. The offense is stacked. Quarterback Tim Brylka threw for 442 yards in one game last year and is known for his accuracy. Jerome Jackson (63 catches) and running back Deon Packer also return along with four offensive linemen. ■

## DIVISION III ALL-AMERICA TEAM

### OFFENSE

WR	Scott Pingel	SR Westminster
WR	Tyrim Dumas	SR Lycoming
OL	David Coney	SR Trinity
OL	Jarryn Avery	SR Rowan
OL	DeAndre Hardy	SR Illinois Wesleyan
OL	Tom Bauer	SR Mount Union
OL	Jon Rhiddlehoover	SR McMurry
TE	Steve Vagedes	SR John Carroll
QB	Mike Burton	SR Trinity
RB	R.J. Bowers	JR Grove City
RB	Casey Donaldson	JR Wittenberg
PK	David Vitatoe	SR John Carroll
RS	Tarrik Wilson	SR Hanover

### DEFENSE

DL	Matt Domin	SR Mount Union
DL	Justin Griffin	SR Ithaca
DL	Greg Rogers	SR Buffalo State
DL	Russ Alger	SR Cortland State
LB	Brandon Novak	SR St. John's
LB	Chad Ludescher	SR Wisconsin-Eau Claire
LB	Tom Selecky	SR Western Maryland
LB	Cory Belaney	SR Allegheny
DB	Justin Blomenberg	JR Rose-Hulman
DB	Eric Feest	SO Concordia
DB	Mike Cotton	SR Massachusetts-Dartmouth
DB	Harrison Bernstein	SR Johns Hopkins
P	J.T. Emory	SR Maryville

# STREET & SMITH'S 1999 HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICA TEAM

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**A** massive offensive line averaging nearly 6-foot-6, 305 pounds highlights Street & Smith's 18th annual High School All-America Team.

Ten interior blockers from nine states are featured among the 50 honorees from 25 states. They are determined by consultation with prep coaches and writers, recruiting services and national observers.

The highly recruited NFL-size linemen range from 6-foot-4 to 6-foot-7 and weigh between 285 and 320 pounds. Two are sons of former NFL blockers—Anthony Munoz, a pro football Hall of Famer with the Cincinnati Bengals, and Ray Snell, a Tampa Bay Buccaneer standout. One is a 6-foot-7, 315-pound twin from Utah. All 10 are on "most wanted" college recruiting lists.

Twenty-one of the selections hail from three football-rich states. California is home to nine, Florida seven and Texas five. Ohio and Pennsylvania have three choices each.

While recruitment of most of the Top 50 will be steady until the NCAA national letter-of-intent date in February, four of the honorees gave verbal commitments to colleges before finishing their junior year.

Two California quarterbacks are headed East—Chris Rix of LaPuente Bishop Amat to Florida State and Zac Wasserman of Westlake Village Westlake to Penn State. Linebacker Darius Jones of Beloit (Wis.) Memorial opted to remain in-state with Wisconsin, as did tight end Chris Septak of Omaha (Neb.) Millard West with Nebraska.

Here's a position-by-position breakdown on the Top 50 honorees:

## QUARTERBACKS

**B**rock Berlin is the catalyst of possibly the nation's top-ranked preseason team, Evangel Christian of Shreveport, La. Evangel is riding a state-

record 45-game win streak and seeking a fourth straight state crown. Berlin is on course to set national passing standards after completing 326 of 473 aerials for 4,834 yards and 54 touchdowns. Berlin's career numbers: 676 of 989 for 9,683 yards and 109 TDs. The national career marks: 1,103 completions, 1,725 attempts, 14,456 yards, 162 TDs.

John Rattay led a new Phoenix school, Desert Vista, to a state Class 5A title and 14-0 record as a junior when the four-sport athlete passed for 3,094 yards and 36 TDs. In two years, the all-stater has surpassed 5,000 yards with 54 TDs.

## TOP 10 FRESHMAN CLASSES

1. Texas
2. Ohio State
3. UCLA
4. Notre Dame
5. Alabama
6. Texas A&M
7. LSU
8. Georgia
9. Michigan
10. Florida

California is loaded with prime-time signal-callers this season and two of the best already have decided on colleges. Rix averaged only 13 passes per game last season but accounted for 1,500 aerial yards and 14 TDs. Wasserman has passed for 5,284 yards (2,569 last year) and 51 TDs the last two seasons.

Jason Campbell of Taylorsville, Miss., and Jeff Smoker of Manheim (Pa.) Central are regarded by some observers as

the top prospects in their respective states. Campbell completed 174 of 291 passes for 2,719 yards and 33 TDs to earn all-state honors and lead his team to the Class AA state crown.

Smoker, a three-sport stalwart, connected on 121 of 192 passes for 1,919 yards and 17 touchdowns and rushed for 10 more TDs.

## RUNNING BACKS

**W**illie Green not only led Osceola High of Kissimmee, Fla., to the state Class 5A title last season but led Florida with 2,659 rushing yards while scoring 35 TDs and 216 points. He was runnerup for Florida's Mr. Football award.

Dustin Picciotti is the anchor of a Central Bucks West team of Doylestown, Pa., which will be seeking to extend a 30-game win streak and win a third straight state Class 4A crown. Last season, the fullback rushed for 41 TDs and 2,026 yards.

Last season's Texas Class 5A offensive player of the year was only a junior, Derrick Arnold of Houston Milby. Arnold, a four-season regular, rushed 326 times for 2,317 yards and 32 TDs with a game-high of 446 yards and nine TDs. Arnold has 3,730 yards and 50 TDs in two seasons.

California's top returning backs include Justin Green of University High in San Diego and Manuel White of Valencia, a pair of fast, 215-pound-plus rushers. Green carried the ball 311 times for 2,268 yards last season. White has 4,200 rushing yards the last two seasons.

Tyrell Dortch of Hoboken, N.J., has attracted widespread recruiting attention after earning all-state honors for a junior season highlighted by 25 TDs and 1,900 rushing yards.

## UTILITY PLAYERS

**V**ontez Duff is a two-time Texas all-stater who led Copperas Cove to its first 11-man state playoff in 38 years.

## STREET & SMITH'S TOP 50 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF 1999

QUARTERBACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Brock Berlin	6-2	195	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, LA
Jason Campbell	6-5	185	Taylorville	Taylorville, MS
John Rattay	6-4	200	Desert Vista	Phoenix, AZ
Chris Rix	6-3	205	Bishop Amat	LaPuente, CA
Jeff Smoker	6-4	195	Manheim Central	Manheim, PA
Zac Wasserman	6-3	200	Westlake	Westlake Village, CA

RUNNING BACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Derick Arnold	6-2	220	Milby	Houston, TX
Tyrell Dortch	6-1	190	Hoboken	Hoboken, NJ
Justin Green	6-1	215	University	San Diego, CA
Willie Green	5-9	195	Osceola	Kissimmee, FL
Dustin Picciotti	6-3	235	Central Bucks West	Doylestown, PA
Manuel White	6-3	220	Valencia	Valencia, CA

UTILITY PLAYERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Vontez Duff	6-0	180	Copperas Cove	Copperas Cove, TX
Sean McHugh	6-5	245	Chagrin Falls	Chagrin Falls, OH

WIDE RECEIVERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
B. J. Johnson	6-0	180	South Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie, TX
Charles Rogers	6-4	180	Saginaw	Saginaw, MI
Reggie Vickers	6-1	180	Glades Central	Belle Glade, FL
Roy Williams	6-3	195	Permian	Odessa, TX

TIGHT ENDS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Eric Knott	6-4	235	Henry Ford	Detroit, MI
Chris Septak	6-5	220	Millard West	Omaha, NE

KICKER	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Scott Campbell	6-1	180	Daniel	Central, SC
John Wall	5-9	165	Birmingham	Van Nuys, CA

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Chris Boggas	6-5	310	Irving	Irving, TX
Paul Fisher	6-7	315	Dixie	St. George, UT
Kwame Harris	6-6	315	Newark	Newark, DE
Carlos Joseph	6-6	305	Edison	Miami, FL
Nick Marmo	6-6	320	New Castle	New Castle, PA
Michael Munoz	6-7	310	Moeller	Cincinnati, OH
Steve Neverez	6-5	285	San Fernando	San Fernando, CA
Jeremy Phillips	6-7	290	Oconee County	Watkinsville, GA
Shannon Snell	6-6	305	Hillsborough	Tampa, FL
Gary Young	6-4	290	Mt. Carmel	Chicago, IL

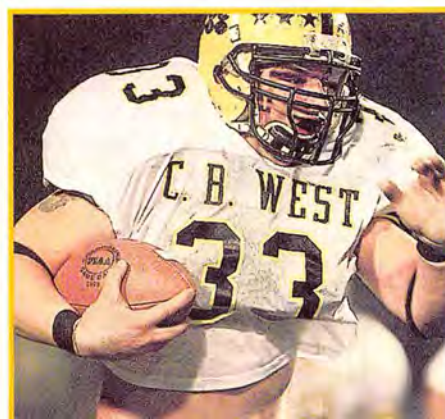
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Adam Doiron	6-4	260	Duncan	Duncan, OK
Antonio Hall	6-5	300	McKinley	Canton, OH
Teyo Johnson	6-7	240	Mariner	Everett, WA
Travis Johnson	6-4	250	Notre Dame	Sherman Oaks, CA
Albert Means	6-5	305	Trezevant	Memphis, TN
Greg Pauly	6-6	275	South	Waukesha, WI
Vincent Wilfork	6-3	300	Santaluces	Lantana, FL

LINEBACKERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Mike Goolsby	6-4	225	Joliet Catholic	Joliet, IL
Darius Jones	6-4	235	Beloit Memorial	Beloit, WI
Darrell Lee	6-5	235	Kirkwood	St. Louis, MO
Raymond Mann	6-2	225	Hampton	Hampton, VA
Eric Moore	6-4	220	Pahokee	Pahokee, FL
D. J. Williams	6-2	225	De La Salle	Concord, CA

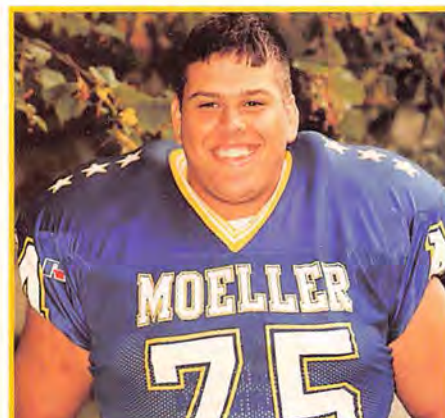
DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Matt Grootegoed	6-0	205	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, CA
Marcus Houston	6-2	200	Jefferson	Denver, CO
Harold James	6-0	220	Osceola	Osceola, AR
Bryant McFadden	6-1	175	McArthur	Hollywood, FL
Dominique Sims	6-2	195	De La Salle	Minneapolis, MN



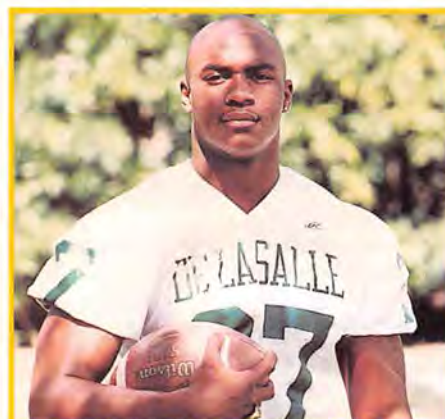
**BROCK BERLIN, EVANGEL CHRISTIAN**



**DUSTIN PICCIOTTI, CENTRAL BUCKS WEST**



**MICHAEL MUNOZ, MOELLER**



**D.J. WILLIAMS, DE LA SALLE**

He rushed for more than 4,000 yards and 38 TDs the last two years, including 2,256 yards and 26 TDs last season.

Sean McHugh will be a four-year starter at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and already holds school season and career rushing records as a fullback. He gained 1,607 yards on 201 carries as a junior and has 3,595 yards and 48 TDs entering his final year. On defense, he's a touted linebacker-defensive end.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

Texas is home to two of the nation's premier pass-catchers. B. J. Johnson of South Grand Prairie landed 43 receptions for 930 yards and scored 20 TDs last season. Some observers feel Roy



ROY WILLIAMS, PERMIAN

Williams is the best athlete ever at famed Permian High of Odessa. Last season, the half-brother of pro Lloyd Hill turned 49 catches into 1,528 yards and 17 TDs.

Michigan's top prospect is two-year all-stater Charles Rogers of Saginaw, a three-sport standout who landed 33 passes for 821 yards and 14 TDs last season. He also returned two kickoffs for TDs. He won state sprint titles as a sophomore with times of 10.5 and 21.06, respectively, for the 100 and 200 meters.

Florida is loaded with skill-position athletes and one of the best is Reggie Vickers of defending state Class 4A champion Glades Central of Belle Glade. Vickers caught 48 passes for 1,162 yards and 15 TDs as a junior.

## TIGHT ENDS

Chris Septak of Omaha (Neb.) Millard West was known for his all-around blocking, receiving and kicking skills

last season when he earned all-state recognition as a punter. The Nebraska recruit also scored 16 TDs.

Eric Knott of Detroit Henry Ford was an all-city honoree last season and is being highly recruited after amassing 600 receiving yards.

## KICKERS

John Wall of Birmingham High in Van Nuys, Calif., converted 15 of 23 field goal attempts last season, including boots of 53, 50 and 50 yards. A soccer goalie, he was a member of a U.S. Junior National team.

Scott Campbell of Central (S.C.) Daniel already is the leading kick-scorer in South Carolina prep history with 241 points. He has converted 24 of 29 field goal attempts, including a 46-yarder, and 169 of 181 extra points.

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Munoz and Snell may have NFL bloodlines, but all 10 interior blockers rate high among college talent scouts.

Michael Munoz is a two-time All-Ohio Division I honoree and considered by some analysts as the nation's top prospect. Playing for one of the nation's top programs, Munoz allowed no sacks the last two seasons and graded at 85 percent blocking efficiency.

Snell, also a three-year starter in a quality program, earned Class 6A all-state honors last season while recording 60 pancake blocks and grading 93 percent blocking efficiency. Dade County always produces big-time Florida line talent, and the cream of the crop this season is all-stater Carlos Joseph of Edison High in Miami. His nickname is Mr. Pancake.

The top linemen in Texas, Utah, Delaware, Pennsylvania, California, Georgia and Illinois are also cited.

Some Texas talent scouts point to Chris Boggas of Irving as the state's top prospect this season.

In Utah, football buffs see double when they view St. George High of Dixie. Twins Paul and Scott Fisher each measure 6-foot-7, 315 pounds and both earned all-state honors, with Paul, who allowed no sacks, the All-America choice.

Delaware's most highly recruited player in history might be two-time all-stater Kwame Harris of Newark, who has received coast-to-coast attention from the colleges.

Nick Marmo, from New Castle, Pa., is considered the top overall prospect in western Pennsylvania this season after earning all-star honors as a junior.

California's premier blocker is Steve Nevarez of San Fernando, who is agile enough to earn all-city basketball honors and strong enough to bench press 430 pounds.

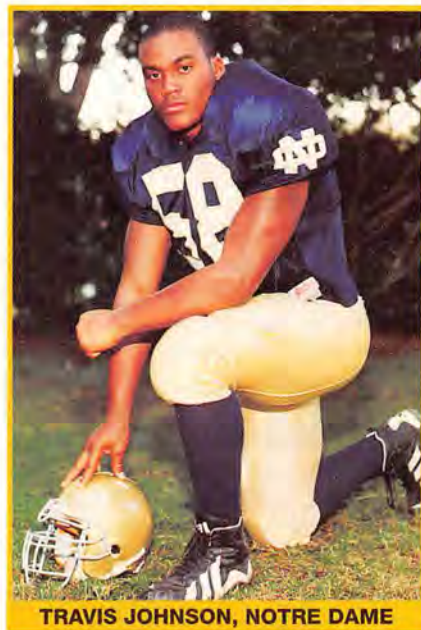
Georgia colleges have been courting Jeremy Phillips of Oconee County High in Watkinsville, Ga., for four years. The junior all-stater bench presses 390 pounds.

Mt. Carmel High of Chicago has the state's top large-school program in recent years and Gary Young is regarded as its finest blocker during that period.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Travis Johnson of Sherman Oaks (Calif.) Notre Dame spent a lot of time in opponent backfields the last two seasons. He recorded 26 sacks for 196 yards in losses, blocked five kicks and was credited with 158 tackles.

Greg Pauly of Washesha South was Wisconsin's lineman of the year last season and rated raves on both sides of the ball. He charted 71 pancakes on offense and will be a rare four-year starter in foot-



TRAVIS JOHNSON, NOTRE DAME

ball and basketball.

McKinley High of Canton has won the last two Ohio Division I titles and back for his third season as a starter is Antonio Hall, considered by some observers to be the state's top two-way lineman. He recorded 91 tackles as a junior.

Another two-way standout is Florida all-stater Vincent Wilfork, a four-year starter at Santaluces High of Lantana and one of the nation's top track and field shot-putters with 60-foot-plus efforts as a sophomore and junior.

Albert Means of Memphis Trezevant is rated Tennessee's top prospect after

earning all-state recognition as a defensive end during his junior year.

Teyo Johnson earned football and basketball all-state honors at Mariner High in Decatur, Wash. The talented athlete plays quarterback and defensive end in the fall.

Adam Doiron is a highly recruited two-way end at Duncan, Okla., and also a top-flight weight man in track.

## LINEBACKERS

California's No. 1 prospect also may rate the same accolade nationally. D. J. Williams has never played on a losing team at De La Salle High in Concord and is regarded as the top two-way performer for a program on an 88-game win streak and coming off its second National Prep Poll mythical championship. Williams averaged 15 tackles a game plus 15 yards per carry as a fullback.

Eric Moore earned all-Florida plaudits at Pahokee High last season when he recorded 125 tackles for a Class 3A runner-up team. He's a three-sport performer.

The top prospects in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Virginia all play linebacker. Mike Goolsby of Joliet (Ill.) Catholic is a three-year standout. Darius Jones was a state defensive player of the year selection and also rushed for more than 1,000 yards at Beloit (Wis.) Memorial. Darrell Lee of St. Louis (Mo.) Kirkwood recorded 18 sacks to earn all-state honors. Raymond Mann has helped Hampton, Va., to three straight state titles, two National Prep Poll crowns and a 53-1 record while earning all-star recognition.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

The No. 1 overall prospects in Colorado, Arkansas and Minnesota compete in the secondary. Marcus Houston of Denver (Colo.) Jefferson is a two-way standout who averaged 10 yards a carry on offense. Harold James is a three-sport standout who earned all-state honors after rushing for 1,500 yards at Osceola, Ark. Dominique Sims of Minneapolis De La Salle was a quarterback who passed for 1,070 yards and rushed for 960 yards as a junior.

Matt Grootegeod helped Mater Dei of Santa Ana, Calif., to a Southern Section Division I title as a two-way standout last season. The junior all-stater rushed for 1,238 yards and 20 TDs to earn section MVP accolades.

Bryant McFadden is rated as South Florida's top secondary performer after earning all-Broward County plaudits last season.

# OTHER PREP SENIORS TO WATCH IN '99

## QUARTERBACKS

	high school	hometown
Kyle Barkley	Conway Springs	Conway Springs, KS
Craig Candeto	Deland	Deland, FL
Matt Cassell	Chatsworth	Van Nuys, CA
Sean Cassidy	Fork Union	Fork Union, VA
Timmy Chang	St. Louis	Honolulu, HI
Cody Clark	Fayetteville	Fayetteville, AR
Casey Clausen	Alemamy	Mission Hills, CA
Graham Colton	Heritage Hall	Oklahoma City, OK
Darien Durant	Wilson	Florence, SC
Tanner Harris	Highland	Pocatello, ID
Pat Hodermy	McDowell	Erie, PA
Kenny Irby	C. D. Hylton	Woodbridge, VA
Aaron Karras	Spring	Spring, TX
James Kilian	Medford	Medford, OK
Mario Kinsey	LaVega	Waco, TX
Bill Liber	Hoover	North Canton, OH
Dustin Long	Grove	Port Neches, TX
Matt Lovecchio	Bergen Catholic	Oradell, NJ
Matt Lottich	New Trier	Winnetka, IL
Luke McCown	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, TX
Rick McFadden	Struthers	Youngstown, OH
Zack Mills	Urbana	Ijamsville, MD
Chance Mock	The Woodlands	The Woodlands, TX
Craig Ochs	Fairview	Boulder, CO
Nathan Poole	Grove City	Grove City, OH
Phillip Rivers	Athens	Athens, AL
Reggie Robertson	Sahuaro	Tucson, AZ
Charlie Roeder	Northwood	Nappanee, IN
Randall Secky	Maple Grove	Beumus Point, NY
Brandon Sumner	Mainland	Daytona Beach, FL
Jon Van Cleave	Pantego Christian	Pantego, TX
Hunter Wall	Coppell	Coppell, TX
Luke Samples	East Wilkes	Burke, NC

## RUNNING BACKS

Gary Allen	Sterling	Baytown, TX
Terry Allen	Zephyrhills	Zephyrhills, FL
Arturo Beltran	Abilene	Abilene, TX
Reggie Benton	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc, MI
Corey Brown	Trenton Central	Trenton, NJ
Terry Copeland	Webb	Knoxville, TN
Conner Corcoran	Noblesville	Noblesville, IN
Jason Crawford	Parkdale	Riverdale, MD
Manny DeShauteurs	Brevard	Brevard, NC
Tyrone Ervin	North	Riverside, CA
Deaunte Farrell	Nordonia	Macedonia, OH
Umar Ferguson	Einstein	Kensington, MD
Anthony Fulcher	Horizon	Scottsdale, AZ
Alex Godfrey	Valdosta	Valdosta, GA
Jonathan Golden	Clements	Sugar Land, TX
Derek Graves	Holt	Tuscaloosa, AL
Tyrone Griffin	Sumner	St. Louis, MO
Jason Hall	Munford	Munford, TN
Chris Harris	Elysian Fields	Elysian Fields, TX
Alex Haynes	Evans	Orlando, FL
Madison Hedgecock	Ledford	Ledford, NC
Devery Henderson	Opelousas	Opelousas, LA
Vernon Hicks	Elaine	Elaine, AR

Albert Hollis	Christian Brothers	Sacramento, CA
Brandon Holmes	West Side	Gary, IN
Chris Howard	Banning	Wilmington, CA
C. J. Hudson	Frostproof	Frostproof, FL
Gerald Jackson	Palm Bay	Palm Bay, FL
Ryan Joyce	Lake Highland	Orlando, FL
Seth Lacey	Churchill	Eugene, OR
Mike Lemon	La Mirada	La Mirada, CA
Jernelle Lewis	Bloomfield	Bloomfield, CT
Willis McGahee	Central	Miami, FL
Ronald McClendon	Ponchatoula	Ponchatoula, LA
Norval McKenzie	McEachern	Powder Springs, GA
Michael Milam	Washington	Cedar Rapids, IA
Eric Morris	South Oak Cliff	Dallas, TX
Brian Odom	Ada	Ada, OK
Jerome Pettus	Roosevelt	Hyde Park, NY
Dan Pohlman	Barrington	Barrington, IL
Preston Portee	North Central	Kershaw, SC
Chuckie Reed	Central	High Point, NC
Walter Reyes	Struthers	Youngstown, OH
Brandon Royster	Fairfax	Fairfax, VA
Marcus Sanders	Ravenna	Ravenna, OH
Tyson Thompson	Irving	Irving, TX
Jason Van	Helix	La Mesa, CA
Mike Vernillo	Fort Cherry	McDonald, PA
Marvin Vaughn	Jackson	Camden, MS
Kywnn Walton	Aquinas	Rochester, NY
Kofi Wilson	Shelton	Shelton, CT

## UTILITY PLAYERS

Keith Allen	West	Torrance, CA
Wardell Alsop	Oakland	Murfreesboro, TN
Kevin Anderson	East St. Louis	East St. Louis, IL
Rashad Baker	Woodrow Wilson	Camden, NJ
Damian Bivens	Gautier	Gautier, MS
Shyrone Carey	Shaw	Marrero, LA
Nick Chenault	Jefferson	Daly City, CA
Brandon Childress	Chanel	Bedford, OH
Mike Daniels	Fairfax	Fairfax, VA
Sandro DeAngelis	St. Joseph's	Buffalo, NY
Lynarise Elpheage	Carver	New Orleans, LA
Diamond Ferri	Everett	Everett, MA
Courtland Florence	Forest	Ocala, FL
Dewan Gentry	Denison	Denison, TX
Stephen Gomez	Barnstable	Barnstable, MA
Ryan Griffin	Jefferson City	Jefferson City, MO
Michael Green	Richmond Senior	Rockingham, NC
Marques Hagens	Hampton	Hampton, VA
Joey Harris	Oak	Klein, TX
Rico Harris	Nacodoches	Nacodoches, TX
Kinnan Herriott	McKeesport	McKeesport, PA
Carlyle Holiday	Roosevelt	San Antonio, TX
Brandon Joe	South	Westerville, OH
Tony Johnson	State College	State College, PA
Chris Kelley	Seneca Valley	Germantown, MD
Brendan Lucas	Hempstead	Hempstead, NY
Rodney Mars	Laurens	Laurens, SC
Chad Mascoe	Osceola	Kissimmee, FL
Brandon McDowell	St. Joseph	Cleveland, OH

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## seniors high school hometown

Sammy Moore	Westwood	Mesa, AZ
Bo Mosley	Osceola	Osceola, AR
Will Peoples	Humble	Humble, TX
Ronnie Powell	Sandalwood	Jacksonville, FL
Patrick Randle	Eisenhower	Aldine, TX
Ray Rogers	Ocean City	Ocean City, NJ
Nick Sebes	Mt. Carmel	Mt. Carmel, PA
Gerald Smith	Howard	Ellicott City, MD
Fred Staton	West Charlotte	Charlotte, NC
Kevin Tennerson	Mesa Verde	Citrus Heights, CA
Gerald Welch	St. Louis	Honolulu, HI
Wes Welker	Heritage Hall	Oklahoma City, OK
Milton Wesley	Wyatt	Fort Worth, TX

## WIDE RECEIVERS

Ade Adayamo	St. Rita	Chicago, IL
Jeremy Battier	Country Day	Beverly Hills, MI
Tony Brown	St. Thomas Aquinas	Ft Lauderdale, FL
Tavarus Capers	Jackson	Miami, FL
Jamaal Clark	Riverview Gardens	St. Louis, MO
Jerome Collins	Warrenville South	Wheaton, IL
Marcus Curry	Bishop Gallagher	Harper Woods, MI
Calvin Dacus	Sahuaro	Tucson, AZ
Willie Dixon	Brookside Christian	Stockton, CA
Bill Flowers	Pelham	Palham, AL
Anthony Gillam	Washington	Tulsa, OK
Chris Gorres	Good Counsel	Wheaton, MD
Andre Henderson	Coffman	Dublin, OH
Aaron Hill	Redwood	Visalia, CA
John Hollins	Wayne	Huber Heights, OH
Antwaun Hudspeth	Wyatt	Fort Worth, TX
Isaac Irby	Holy Cross	Delran, NJ
Mark Jones	Strath Haven	Wallingford, PA
Don Patrick	Hazleton	Hazleton, PA
Antonio Perkins	Lawton	Lawton, OK
Tab Perry	Milipitas	Milipitas, CA
Ron Rodamer	Morgantown	Morgantown, WV
Richie Ross	Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Jason Russell	Woodland Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Taylor Stubblefield	Davis	Yakima, WA
Sloan Thomas	Klein	Klein, TX
Terrance Turner	West Babylon	West Babylon, NY
Terrell Walker	De La Salle	New Orleans, LA
Ray Del Williams	East St. John	Reserve, LA

## TIGHT ENDS

Dan Acri	Bishop McDevitt	Harrisburg, PA
Daniel Adams	Roosevelt	San Antonio, TX
James Cooper	Hazelwood East	St. Louis, MO
Brock Edwards	Fort Worth Christian	Fort Worth, TX
Jim Fisher	Huron	Huron, OH
Alex Holmes	Harvard Westlake	N. Hollywood, CA
Justin Jackson	Kentridge	Kent, WA
Jason Lallis	DeMatha	Hyattsville, MD
Adam Mangana	Warwick	Newport News, VA
Brian Mauer	Acton-Boxborough	Acton, MA
Jared Mazzetta	Hunterdon Central	Flemington, NJ
Willie Roberts	Southridge	Miami, FL
Zach Tuasosopo	Woodinville	Woodinville, WA
Willie Walden	Evergreen	Vancouver, WA
Andre Zellner	Mary Persons	Forsythe, GA

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

David Baas	Riverview	Sarasota, FL
Alex Barron	Orangeburg-Wilkinson	Orangeburg, SC
Justin Barton	Eastern	Voorhees, NJ

Jared Beard	Eustis	Eustis, FL
Jesse Bender	Mayfair	Lakewood, CA
Natt Black	Claremore	Claremore, OK
Nathaniel Bowers	Washington-Marion	Lake Charles, LA
Doug Buckles	Madison Central	Madison, MS
Wes Britt	Cullman	Cullman, AL
Matt Brown	Prior Lake	Prior Lake, MN
David Carpenter	Alta Loma	Alta Loma, CA
Andy Christopf	Elder	Cincinnati, OH
Jonathan Clinkscales	Muir	Pasadena, CA
Clark Collins	Evanston	Evanston, IL
Kade Comeaux	Notre Dame	Crowley, LA
Kevin Deaton	Merritt Island	Merritt Island, FL
Danny Dicks	Bellevue	Bellevue, WA
Mike Erickson	Papillion-LaVista	Papillion, NE
M. J. Flaum	Northglenn	Denver, CO
Ricky Fowler	Kendrick	Columbus, GA
Lionel Garr	Dibell	Dibell, TX
Jeff Gaston	Bergen Catholic	Oradell, NJ
Clint Gillispie	Arp	Arp, TX
Brian Goggin	Desrt Vista	Phoenix, AZ
Geoff Hangartner	New Braunfels	New Braunfels, TX
Tom Highbee	Champlin Park	Champlin Park, MN
Keith Holt	Westlake	Westlake Village, CA
Josh Jagggers	Danville	Danville, KY
Trey Jernigan	Thomas Dale	Chester, VA
Jason Joyce	Stevenson	Chicago, IL
Junior Kato	Capuchino	San Bruno, CA
Larry Kinnard	Alliance	Alliance, OH
Robin Knebel	Roseburg	Roseburg, OR
Daniel Leon	St. Martinsville	St. Martinsville, LA
Brandon Lockheart	Dominguez	Compton, CA
Mike Lorenz	Lutheran	Manitowoc, WI
Ben Lueck	Oswego	Oswego, IL
Jeremy McCorkle	Freeport	Freeport, PA
Joe McGuire	Servite	Anaheim, CA
Chris McKelvey	North Penn	Lansdale, PA
Bobby Meeks	Nimitz	Aldine, TX
Chris Mitchell	Sweet Home	Amherst, NY
Arry Moody	Haughton	Haughton, LA
Dan Moody	St. Ignatius	Cleveland, OH
Erik Noll	Watkins Mill	Gaithersburg, MD
Jeremy Parquet	Destrahan	Destrahan, LA
Ashley Pettigrew	Lincoln	Tallahassee, FL
Milton Phifer	South Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie, TX
Brent Pollock	Peninsula	Rolling Hills, CA
Richard Pope	Evanston	Evanston, IL
Dustin Price	Edmond Memorial	Edmond, OK
Marcus Ramsey	Lincoln County	Lincolnton, GA
Howard Randolph	Penn Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Jason Respert	Northside	Warner Robins, GA
Rufus Sanders	Cathedral	Indianapolis, IN
Brandon Savage	John Ehret	Marrero, LA
Kyle Schmitt	Derry Area	Derry, PA
Mike Shallenberger	Connellsville	Connellsville, PA
Steve Subia	Lee	Midland, TX
Adam Terry	Queensbury	Queensbury, NY
Bobby Thomas	Russell County	Seale, AL
Ron Thomas	Clinton	Clinton, LA
Alphonso Townsend	Lima Senior	Lima, OH
Matt Ulrich	Streamwood	Streamwood, IL
Luke Vander Sanden	West Lyon	Inwood, IA
Lancelot Vee	Wilcox	Santa Clara, CA
Steve Williams	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Eddie Brown	Eisenhower	Aldine, TX
Garrett Bush	McKinley	Canton, OH
Jeremy Caudill	Prestonsburg	Prestonsburg, KY
Jason Cook	Spring Lake	Spring Lake, MN
Jeremiah Davis	Annapolis	Annapolis, MD
Scott Davis	Parkersburg	Parkersburg, WV
Sonny Davis	Lanier	Austin, TX
Mondre Dickerson	Melrose	Memphis, TN
Arrion Dixon	Wynne	Wynne, AR
Davion Dixon	Weaver	Hartford, CT
James Dummerville	Jackson	Miami, FL
Scott Fisher	Dixie	St. George, UT
Brendan Floyd	Leigh	San Jose, CA
Nate French	Colquitt County	Moultrie, GA
Clarence Gaddy	Western Harnett	Lillington, NC
Brandon Hayes	Buchtel	Akron, OH
Brad Hilsher	Maryville	Maryville, TN
John Paul Jones	Carencro	Lafayette, LA
Steve Lee	Evangel	Shreveport, LA
John Lumpkin	Harding	Warren, OH
Matt McChesney	Niwot	Niwot, CO
Eric McIntyre	Estero	Estero, FL
Josh Miller	West Covina	West Covina, CA
Ellery Moore	Washington	Massillon, OH
Hayden Moore	Lassiter	Marietta, GA
Marcel Moses	Texas City	Texas City, TX
Patrick Norton	Hart	Newhall, TX
Brad Palmer	Webster	Webster, NY
Derick Robinson	De La Salle	Minneapolis, MN
Andy Rondeau	Putnam	Putnam, CT
Sam Ruhe	Walsh Jesuit	Stow, OH
Ian Scott	Gainesville	Gainesville, FL
Jessie Sias	Kimball	Dallas, TX
A. J. Single	Bonita Vista	Chula Vista, CA
Linnus Smith	John Tyler	Tyler, TX
Von Smith	Richmond Senior	Rockingham, NC
Will Smith	Proctor	Utica, NY
Jodie Soloman	Aldine	Aldine, TX
Alex Stepanovich	Berea	Berea, OH
Dan Stephens	Linsly	Wheeling, WV
Jordan Stockwell	Kilbourne	Worthington, OH
Benard Thomas	St. Francis	Mountain View, CA
Ryan Thomas	Orchard Park	Orchard Park, NY
Santonio Thomas	Glades Central	Belle Glade, FL
Preston Thorne	Summerville	Summerville, SC
Mark Tibbs	Rutherford	Springfield, FL
Mac Tyler	Jess Lanier	Bessemer, AL
Dayl Weston	Peabody	Pittsburgh, PA
Jeremy Williams	Crown Point	Crown Point, IN
Justin Williams	Moorefield	Moorefield, WV
Jared Wolfgramm	Union	Tempe, AZ
Alton Wright	Jones	Houston, TX

## LINEBACKERS

Tui Alailefaleula	Bartlett	Anchorage, AK
Carlton Baker	Glades Central	Belle Glade, FL
Troy Bennett	Paulsboro	Paulsboro, NJ
David Bergeron	Lakeridge	Lake Oswego, OR
Joe Bevis	Edwardsville	Edwardsville, IL
Clifton Bowers	Lake Clifton	Baltimore, MD
Pete Carter	Russellville	Russellville, AR
Dennis Chukwaumeka	Huntington	Huntington, WV
Jason Clark	Starkville	Starkville, MS
Junior Coffin	Olympic	Silverdale, WA
Devon Conwell	Long Reach	Columbia, MD
Ira Cooper	Westside	Omaha, NE

<b>seniors</b>	<b>high school</b>	<b>hometown</b>						
Narco Cooper	Cass Tech	Detroit, MI	Derek Wake	DeMatha	Hyattsville, MD	Tony Mitchell	Lake Taylor	Norfolk, VA
Chase Crumley	White County	Cleveland, GA	Josh Walker	Edison	Tulsa, OK	Michael Moon	Rancho Cucamonga	R. Cucamonga, CA
B. J. Evangelista	Franklin Regional	Murrysburg, PA	Tim Warfield	Vista	Vista, CA	Bryan Moore	Monrovia	Monrovia, CA
Sione Finau	Ygnacio Valley	Concord, CA	Perron Wiley	Clovis West	Fresno, CA	Johnnie Morant	Parsippany Hills	Parsippany Hills, NJ
John Garrett	Mart	Mart, TX	Jason Witten	Elizabethton	Elizabethton, TN	Travis Moses	East Ascension	Gonzales, LA
Ahman Gordon	Mariner	Everett, WA				Eddie Moten	Lancaster	Lancaster, TX
Jeb Harrison	Snake River	Blackfoot, ID				Tre Orr	Columbia	Lake City, FL
LaRon Harrison	Carrollton	Carrollton, GA				Lawrence Richardson	Ball	Galveston, TX
Shaka Hill	Goodpasture	Madison, TN				Antwaun Rogers	Middletown	Middletown, OH
Hobie Holiday	Houston County	Houston, GA				Eric Stenzel	West	Mankato, MN
Brett Hughes	Upper Arlington	Upper Arlington, OH				Darren Stephens	Lewisville	Lewisville, TX
Spencer Johnson	Southern Choctaw	Silas, AL				Adam Taliaferro	Eastern	Voorhees, NJ
Marvin Jones	Hammond	Hammond, LA				Kareem Timbers	Mt. Carmel	Chicago, IL
Eric Keefner	De La Salle	Chicago, IL				Marley Tucker	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Tyler Kruse	Fountain Valley	Fountain Valley, CA				Andre Williams	Northern Durham	Durham, NC
Rob Mamula	West Linn	West Linn, OR						
Dan Mannix	Syosset	Syosset, NY						
Mario McDowell	Eisenhower	Rialto, CA						
Lance Mitchell	Los Banos	Los Banos, CA						
Karlon Neal	Morgan Park	Chicago, IL						
Jesse Neumyer	Cumberland Valley	Mechanicsburg, PA						
Ryan Palmer	West	Arvada, CO						
Robert Peace	Ruston	Ruston, LA						
Rafiq Randall	Castle Park	Chula Vista, CA						
Reuben Randle	Wortham	Wortham, TX						
Neal Regan	Ryan	Philadelphia, PA						
Robert Reynolds	Bowling Green	Bowling Green, KY						
Jarvis Ryes	Loreauville	Loreauville, LA						
Rodney Sandoval	California	Whitter, CA						
Darrion Scott	Capital	Charleston, WV						
Austin Sendlein	Chaparral	Scottsdale, AZ						
Brock Stratton	Roosevelt	San Antonio, TX						
Henry Sweat	MacArthur	Irving, TX						
Charles Torras	Carter	Dallas, TX						
Sean Tufts	Cherry Creek	Englewood, CO						

### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Carlos Andrews	Godby	Tallahassee, FL
Rod Ansley	Plainview	Plainview, TX
Corey Bailey	American	Hialeah, FL
B. J. Barre	Whitmer	Toledo, OH
Adam Black	Cypress Falls	Houston, TX
Yulkeith Brown	Northwestern	Miami, FL
Yohance Buchanan	Douglass	Atlanta, GA
Jonas Buckles	Yates	Houston, TX
Brandon Bullard	Jordan	Los Angeles, CA
Don Callaway	Miller County	Colquitt, GA
Chad Cooper	Oakton	Vienna, VA
Carmen DeFrancisco	Danville	Danville, PA
Mark Dorsey	Bolles	Jacksonville, FL
Terrance Eafon	Seagoville	Seagoville, TX
Chris Fields	C. D. Hylton	Woodbridge, VA
Demetrius Fields	Cleveland	Cleveland, TN
Skylar Fulton	Capital	Olympia, WA
Marvyn Godbolt	Taft	San Antonio, TX
Byron George	Carencro	Lafayette, LA
Phillip Geiggar	Evangel	Shreveport, LA
Brandon Green	Adair	Adair, OK
Terrell Hammond	McClellan	Little Rock, AR
Tavarus Horne	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg, MS
Ray Ivy	McEachern	Powder Springs, GA
Brandon Jamison	Lower Richland	Hopkins, SC
Rayvon Johnson	Annapolis	Annapolis, MD
Corey Larkins	Opelika	Opelika, AL
Jason Leach	Bishop Amat	La Puente, CA
Tim Mayer	Barrington	Barrington, IL

### KICKERS

Jake Barr	Evergreen	Vancouver, WA
Matt Downing	Glastonbury	Glastonbury, CT
Danny Frymark	Northview	Covina, CA
Jay Gagner	Cumberland	Cumberland, WI
Seth Gaston	Francis Howell	St. Charles, MO
Josh Huston	Findlay	Findlay, OH
Matt Kessinger	McLouth	Kansas City, MO
David Kimball	State College	State College, PA
Matt Konz	Adrian	Adrian, MN
Paul Kowalski	Pine Crest	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Robert Menchinger	Jimtown	Elkhart, IN
Shawn Payne	Owensboro Catholic	Owensboro, KY
Eddie Reinhard	Southington	Southington, CT
Eric Resta	St. Thomas Aquinas	Ft Lauderdale, FL
Pasquale Romano	New Castle	New Castle, PA
Paulo Saldivar	Southwest	El Centro, CA
Jared Siegel	Jesuit	Carmichael, CA
Bryan Smith	Kecoughtan	Hampton, VA
Tony Yelk	Poynette	Pynette, WI

## 50 JUNIORS TO WATCH

### ALABAMA

Brodie Croyle, QB, Rainbow City Westbrook  
Christian

### ARKANSAS

Cedric Houston, RB, Clarendon  
William Richardson, DB, Osceola

### CALIFORNIA

Lorenzo Alexander, DL, Berkeley St. Mary's  
DeAndre Berlin, LB, La Verne Bonita  
Dominique Dorsey, RB, Tulare  
Ronnie Hill, QB, Temecula Valley  
DeAndre Scott, RB/WR, Nussion Hills Alemany  
Marvin Simmons, DB, Compton Dominguez  
Terrell Williams, DB/RB, San Diego Hoover  
Kellen Winslow Jr., LB, San Diego Henry

### COLORADO

Justin Holland, QB, Lakewood Bear Creek

### FLORIDA

Jerome Carter, DB, Lake City Columbia  
Chauncey Davis, DB, Auburndale  
Tyrone Lewis, WR-DB, Chipley  
Adrian McPherson, QB, Bradenton Southeast  
Rod Olds, DL, Springfield Rutherford  
Drew Shader, OL, Orlando Lake Highland Prep  
Jovanny Ward, DB, Miami Northwestern  
John Wilson, OL, Daytona Beach Mainland

### GEORGIA

Michael Collins, WR-DB, Commerce  
Clay Crisp, PK, Brookwood  
Derek Tinsley, RB, Marietta

### HAWAII

Chris Kemoeatu, DL, Kahuku

### ILLINOIS

Brent Bell, DB, Wheaton Warrenville South

### KENTUCKY

Brent Grover, LB, Fort Thomas Highlands  
Montrell Jones, WR, Louisville Male

### LOUISIANA

Andrew Whitworth, TE-OL, Monroe West Monroe

### MINNESOTA

Mark Levoir, TE, Eden Prairie

### MISSISSIPPI

Rodney Outlaw, OL, Starkville

### MISSOURI

Damien Nash, RB, St. Louis Riverview Gardens

### NEW YORK

Jazzman Williams, RB, Pittsford

### OHIO

Simon Fraser, DE, Upper Arlington  
Maurice Hall, RB, Columbus Brookhaven  
Kyle Koester, RB, Cincinnati Elder  
Gary McGee, RB, Reynoldsburg

### OKLAHOMA

Daniel Knowles, RB, Wynnewood

### PENNSYLVANIA

Kevin Jones, RB, Springfield Cardinal O'Hara  
Tyler Reed, OL, Pittsburgh Thomas Jefferson  
Charles Rush, DL, Erie Cathedral Prep

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Curtis Bradley, OL, Summerville

### TENNESSEE

Matt Stevenson, QB, Memphis Melrose  
Bryan Webb, LB, Knoxville Webb

### TEXAS

Collin Barker, OL, Wortham  
Cedric Benson, RB, Midland Lee  
Clayton Harman, DL, Stephenville  
Lucas Prater, DB, Flower Mound Marcus  
Jonathan Scott, OL, Dallas Carter

### VIRGINIA

Duron Ferguson, RB, Richmond Huguenot  
Mack Jones, LB-FB, Hampton

# 25 PREP TEAMS TO WATCH

## **OPELIKA, AL (11-1)**

Veteran coach Spence McCracken has seven defensive and six offensive starters back from a Class 6A quarterfinal team. Two-way back Cory Larkins (5-9, 175) is one of several speedsters from state championship track team. Junior linebacker Lamarcus Rowell (6-5, 215) is among the state's best.

## **OSCEOLA, AR (13-1)**

The Seminoles had seven sophomores among their linemen last season and coach Clinton Gore hopes to continue their current Class 4A run—two state titles and two runnerup finishes in the last four seasons. Two-way back Harold James (6-0, 220), the top prospect in Arkansas, and running mate Bo Mosley (5-10, 165) are key returnees.

## **DESERT VISTA, Phoenix, AZ (14-0)**

The school's first senior class celebrated state Class 5A title last season for veteran coach Jim Rattay. All-stater John Rattay (6-4, 200), a preseason All-America and son of the coach, runs the offense behind veteran line anchored by Arizona State recruit Brian Goggins (6-4, 275).

## **BISHOP AMAT, LaPuente, CA (11-1-1)**

A new coach will take the Lancers' reins in their bid for a 20th straight postseason playoff berth after bowing in the Southern Section Division I semifinals last season. Seven offensive regulars, including quarterback Chris Rix (6-3, 205), a Florida State recruit, are expected back along with defensive back Jason Leach (6-0, 185).

## **DE LA SALLE, Concord, CA (12-0)**

The Spartans enter the season with a national-record 88-game win streak and their second National Prep Poll championship in five seasons. The Bay Area juggernaut has scored in a record 232 straight games and won 122 of its last 123 games. Coach Bob Ladouceur, with 224-14-1 career record, has strong nucleus returning headed by preseason All-America D. J. Williams (6-2, 225), a linebacker-running back, and defensive back-kick returner Charles Favroth (6-0, 165). Williams averaged 15 tackles per game and 14.1 yards rushing last season.

## **CHERRY CREEK, Englewood, CO (11-3)**

Colorado's winningest (85 percent) team since 1962 will make a strong bid for its ninth state crown since 1982 after finishing runnerup last season. Coach Mike Woolford, with five state championships in the last nine seasons, returns a veteran squad anchored by all-state linebacker Sean Tufts (6-5, 220).

## **BOLLES SCHOOL, Jacksonville, FL (15-0)**

The unbeaten defending state Class 3A champions were loaded with talented underclassmen last season and will be a

team to beat in the Sunshine State. All-staters who are back include quarterback Travis Thurmond (5-10, 180), linebacker Travis Hodge (6-0, 185) and lineman Brandon Boate (6-2, 250). College prospects include tight end Jonathan Jackson (6-3, 215) and defensive back Mark Dorsey (6-3, 180).

## **OSCEOLA, Kissimmee, FL (13-2)**

Florida's leading rusher, Willie Green (5-9, 195), returns after gaining 2,659 yards and scoring 35 touchdowns for the state Class 5A champions. Two-way standout Chad Mascoe (6-2, 215) is an all-state pick as utility back. Coach Jim Scible has six offensive starters and seven defensive veterans back, including linebacker Tony Paradiso (6-0, 210), lineman Henry Campbell (6-0, 205) and tight end Matt Quinter (6-4, 235).

## **SOUTHRIDGE, Miami, FL (9-3)**

Dade County has produced the state Class 6A champion the last five years and Southridge appears well-fortified to make another serious run this season. Anchoring the offense, which includes six regulars, will be the state's top tight end, three-year regular Willie Roberts (6-7, 225), and running back Curtis Cannon (5-9, 180). Four defensive veterans also return.

## **VALDOSTA, GA (14-1)**

The nation's winningest program (768-152-33) won its 23rd state title with its smallest team in years last season while ranking 17th in the National Prep Poll of sportswriters. Wildcats' coach Mike O'Brien received boost in spring with transfer of running back Alex Godfrey (5-10, 190) from Niceville, Fla. Godfrey rushed for nearly 3,000 yards in the last two seasons.

## **ST. LOUIS, Honolulu, HI (13-1)**

The Crusaders will be seeking a 14th consecutive Prep Bowl crown for coach Cal Lee, who owns a 17-year record of 202-29-4, best in state history. Returning from the ninth-ranked National Prep Poll team are quarterback Timmy Chang (6-2, 175), who passed for 39 touchdowns, and wide receiver-defensive back Gerald Welch (5-9, 185), who accounted for 2,000 all-purpose yards.

## **MT. CARMEL, Chicago, IL (14-0)**

Caravan will be seeking its eighth state crown since 1980 this fall with several key returnees from unbeaten squad ranked No. 8 in the National Prep Poll. Coach Frank Lenti has 172-24 record with 136 wins in his last 146 games. Team has won at least 10 games over the last 13 seasons. Key players include All-America offensive lineman Gary Young (6-4, 290), defensive end Derrick Strong (6-4, 220), defensive back Kareem Timbers (6-2, 190), placekicker-punter Matt Piotrowicz and quarterback Brad Cozzie.

## **PORTAGE, IN (10-3)**

Last year's state quarterfinalist returns nine offensive and nine defensive starters, including two highly recruited ends in defensive stalwart Ben Kirish (6-7, 235) and two-way end Matt Erickson (6-4, 225). Also back is 1,600-yard rusher Tom Pappas (5-9, 200) and linebacker Fred Joseph (5-8, 180).

## **HIGHLANDS, Fort Thomas, KY (15-0)**

The Bluebirds return four offensive and seven defensive starters off the school's 10th unbeaten team which scored 801 points and was ranked 15th in the National Prep Poll. Two junior veterans head the returnees in a bid for a Kentucky-best 14th state title—touted linebacker Brent Grover (6-3, 225) and wide receiver-defensive back Brett Hamblen.

## **EVANGEL CHRISTIAN, Shreveport, LA (15-0)**

The Eagles are riding a state-record 45-game victory streak and expect their best team in 11-year history while moving up from Class 3A to 5A competition. Seeking a fourth straight state title, and sixth in the last seven seasons, Evangel is a possible preseason No. 1 pick by the National Prep Poll after ranking third last season. Eight offensive and five defensive starters return, including preseason All-America quarterback Brock Berlin (6-2, 195), defensive tackle Steve Lee (6-5, 320) and defensive back Phillip Geiggar (5-11, 205). Berlin passed for 54 touchdowns and 4,834 yards last season to boost his career numbers to 9,683 yards and 109 TDs.

## **DEMATHA, Hyattsville, MD (12-0)**

The Stags return a talent-laden, experienced team from last season's unbeaten squad which ranked 24th in the National Prep Poll. Seeking a District of Columbia Metro Conference title repeat, coach Bill McGregor's forces are anchored by lineman Danny Martz (6-5, 280), wide receiver Jay Paige (6-0, 185), defensive end Derek Wake (6-4, 230) and tight end Jason Lallis (6-3, 235).

## **BERGEN CATHOLIC, Oradell, NJ (12-0)**

The Crusaders return nine regulars from their 10th state Parochial/Group 4 title team, including touted quarterback Matt LooVecchio (6-4, 195) and lineman Jeff Gaston (6-6, 255). Defense is anchored by three-year starting safety Jeff Mueller. Coach Fred Stengel, who has an 11-year record of 101-17, hopes his team can match last year's No. 13 ranking in the National Prep Poll.

## **RICHMOND COUNTY, Rockingham, NC (16-0)**

Raiders coach Daryl Barnes has won five state crowns in the last five years of coaching (1988-90, 1997-98) and should reload for another Class 4A bid this season while riding a 31-game victory streak. Last year's team ranked No. 2 in the National Prep Poll and dominated state play with speed and quickness. The 1999 squad points to defense

with lineman Von Smith (6-5, 260) in the thick of the action.

### **McKINLEY, Canton, OH (12-1)**

The Bulldogs will bid for a third straight state Division I crown with the return of eight offensive and six defensive regulars, plus some promising newcomers. All-America tackle Antonio Hall (6-5, 300) anchors both lines with Garrett Bush (6-3, 260) and defensive end Kevin Smith (6-3, 210). Wide receiver Andre Hooks (6-3, 190) and defensive back Marquis Quincy (5-9, 175) are also key cogs in the wheel. McKinley is nation's third-winningest program with 691-272-42 record.

### **MOELLER, Cincinnati, OH (8-2)**

Preseason All-America offensive lineman Mike Munoz (6-6, 300) is among 10 starters (six offense, four defense) returning for Crusaders. Tight end Mike Jackson (6-5, 210) also attracts recruiting attention. Moeller will be seeking its eighth state title since 1975 and has all-time record of 341-58-2 in 34 seasons.

### **CENTRAL BUCKS WEST, Doylestown, PA (15-0)**

Thirteen starters return from the Pennsylvania

Class 4A champions, who ranked No. 5 in the National Prep Poll. Preseason All-America Dustin Picciotti (6-3, 235) rushed for 2,000 yards and scored 41 TDs. The school's only coach, Mike Pettine, has a 311-43-4 record with 17 unbeaten regular seasons, three playoff crowns and four poll titles.

### **SUMMERVILLE, SC (15-0)**

The nation's winningest coach, John McKissick (459-105-13), has several key returnees back from the school's 12th state title squad (10th for McKissick), including defensive lineman Preston Thorne (6-3, 265), running back Johnathan Smalls (5-11, 190), receiver Rodney West (6-1, 210) and junior offensive tackle Curtis Bradley (6-4, 280). The Green Wave ranked 19th last season in the National Prep Poll.

### **LEE, Midland, TX (15-1)**

The Rebels return eight offensive starters from a state Class 5A/II championship team, including junior running back Cedric Benson, a 2,000-yard rusher. Quarterback Jon Rogers (6-1, 175) passed for 1,714 yards and 20 TDs last season, while fullback Clint McNutt (5-10, 190) scored 18 times and accounted for 1,807

rushing and receiving yards. The line is anchored by tackle Steve Subia (6-2, 310) and center Andy Brewster (6-2, 230).

### **JUDSON, Converse, TX (14-1)**

The Rockets should reload for another run at the state Class 5A/I crown after finishing runnerup for the third time to go along with five titles since 1982. Coach D.W. Rutledge has 191-26-4 record since 1984. Top returnees include junior running back Morris Brothers, plus senior defensive players Wade Lightsey, a linebacker, and Dan Magallanez, a back.

### **HAMPTON, VA (13-1)**

The Crabbers will be seeking to extend their Virginia record to five straight state titles this season. The National Prep Poll champions for 1996 and 1997 have won 53 of their last 54 games, with the lone setback coming in five overtimes. Coach Mike Smith, with a 297-43-2 career record, has seven offensive and six defensive starters back, including All-America linebacker Raymond Mann (6-2, 225), quarterback-defensive back Marques Hagans (5-11, 170) and junior linebacker-fullback Mack Jones (6-2, 230).

## **TOP COLLEGE FRESHMEN**

### **QUARTERBACKS**

	hometown	college
Anquan Boldin	Pahokee, FL	Florida State
Kyle Boller	Newhall, CA	California
Gary Brashears	Clarksdale, AR	Arkansas
Colby Freeman	Brownwood, TX	Texas A&M
Rex Grossman	Bloomington, IN	Florida
C.J. Leak	Charlotte, NC	Wake Forest
Chris Lewis	Long Beach, CA	Stanford
J.P. Losman	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA
Eli Manning	New Orleans, LA	Mississippi
Chris Massey	Spiro, OK	Oklahoma State
Cody Pickett	Caldwell, ID	Washington
Rod Rutherford	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
Chris Simms	Franklin Lakes, NJ	Texas
Chris Stephens	Gainesville, FL	Florida
Allen Tillman	Newton, MS	Auburn

### **RUNNING BACKS/DEFENSIVE BACKS**

Paul Arnold	Seattle, WA	Washington
Santonio Beard	Nashville, TN	Alabama
Rufus Brown	El Paso, TX	Florida State
Atari Callen	Concord, CA	California
Cedric Cobbs	Little Rock, AR	Arkansas
Curtis Crosby	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
Daniel Davis	Stafford, VA	North Carolina
Domanick Davis	Breaux Bridge, LA	LSU
Sam Davis	Humble, TX	Texas A&M
Charles Drake	Los Angeles, CA	Michigan
Troy Fleming	Franklin, TB	Tennessee
Jason Geathers	Boca Raton, FL	Miami
William Green	Absecon, NJ	Boston College
Derrick Johnson	Greenbelt, MD	North Carolina
Sterling Kazee	Irving, TX	Tennessee
Jeremy LeSueur	Holly Springs, MS	Michigan
Kelton Lindsay	Lebanon, OH	Ohio State
Nick Maddox	Kannapolis, NC	Florida State
Richard McNutt	Park Forest, IL	Ohio State

Tory Mitchell	Big Spring, TX	Miami
Jamar Mozee	Blue Springs, MO	Oklahoma
Jeremy Muyses	Lilburn, GA	Georgia Tech
Darrell Rideaux	Long Beach, CA	USC
Gerome Sapp	Houston, TX	Notre Dame
Bryan Scott	Buckingham, PA	Penn State
Lito Sheppard	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
Onterio Smith	Sacramento, CA	Tennessee
Thomas Tapeh	St. Paul, MN	Minnesota
LaBrandon Toefield	Independence, LA	LSU
Michael Waddell	Rockingham, NC	North Carolina
Dontae Walker	Clinton, MS	Mississippi State
Derek Watson	Williamston, SC	South Carolina
Joe Weber	San Bernardino, CA	Texas A&M

### **RECEIVERS**

Kevin Beard	Plantation, FL	Miami
Reggie Brown	Carrollton, GA	Georgia
Eric Edwards	Monroe, LA	LSU
Gary Godsey	Tampa, FL	Notre Dame
DeAndre Green	Prichard, AL	Auburn
Andre Johnson	Miami, FL	Miami
Kareem Kelly	Long Beach, CA	USC
Darin Naatjes	Inwood, IA	Stanford
Durrell Robinson	Spartanburg, SC	Georgia
Bo Scaife	Denver, CO	Texas
Mike Seidman	Westlake, CA	UCLA
Derek Smith	Fort Thomas, KY	Kentucky

### **INTERIOR LINEMEN**

Tony Aguilar	Superior, AZ	Arizona State
Bryce Bishop	Miami, FL	Ohio State
Kevin Breedlove	Central, SC	Georgia
Ben Carber	Doylestown, PA	Virginia
Vernon Carey	Miami, FL	Miami
Robbie Doane	Coppell, TX	Texas
Derrick Dockery	Garland, TX	Texas
Rob Droege	St. Louis, MO	Missouri

Jeff Faine	Sanford, FL	Notre Dame
Tunui Fonoti	Kahuku, HI	Nebraska
Albert Haynesworth	Hartsville, SC	Tennessee
Cedric Hilliard	Arlington, TX	Notre Dame
Alex Jackson	Quincy, FL	Georgia
Kenny King	Daphne, AL	Alabama
Keith Leavitt	Fitchburg, MA	Boston College
Shane Lehmann	Corona, CA	UCLA
Matt McIntosh	Hartland, WI	Minnesota
DeMarco McNeil	Prichard, AL	Auburn
Sean Milligan	Norcross, GA	Notre Dame
Tony Pape	Darien, IL	Michigan
Alfio Randall	Houston, TX	Texas
Bernard Riley	Los Alamitos, CA	USC
Demetrious Solomon	Flint, MI	Michigan
Jeremy Williams	Spokane, WA	Washington State
Jeff Womble	Dunwoody, GA	Florida State
Walter Young	Purvis, MS	LSU

### **LINEBACKERS/DEFENSIVE ENDS**

Darnell Dockett	Burtonsville, MD	Florida State
T.J. Duckett	Kalamazoo, MI	Michigan State
Treverance Faulk	Lafayette, LA	LSU
Matt Farrior	Ettrick, VA	Florida
Jason Frederick	Houston, TX	Texas A&M
Bradie James	Monroe, LA	LSU
David Paine	Memphis, TN	Alabama
Cole Pittman	Shreveport, LA	Texas
Kendyll Pope	Lake City, FL	Florida State
Saleem Rasheed	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
Corey Redding	Houston, TX	Texas
Marcus Reese	San Jose, CA	UCLA
Charles Roberson	Atlanta, GA	Tennessee
Joseph Siofele	Honolulu, HI	Arizona

### **KICKERS**

Luke Manget	Conyers, GA	Georgia Tech
Nick Setta	Lockport, IL	Notre Dame

# '99 Television Schedule

## Saturday, August 28

Pigskin Classic:

Arizona vs. Penn State	1:00 PM	(ABC)
Eddie Robinson Classic:		
Kansas at Notre Dame	3:30 PM	(NBC)
Louisiana Tech at Florida State	5:00	(ESPN2)
Black Coaches Association Classic:		
North Carolina State at Texas	8:30	(ESPN2)

## Sunday, August 29

Kickoff Classic:

Miami vs. Ohio State	2:30 PM	(ABC)
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## Thursday, September 2

Oregon at Michigan State	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, September 4

Nebraska at Iowa*	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Stanford at Texas*	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Virginia at UNC*	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Baylor at Boston College	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
W. Virginia vs. E. Carolina (Charlotte)	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Notre Dame at Michigan	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Wyoming at Tennessee	7:00 PM	(ESPN2)
S. Carolina at N. Carolina St.	7:30 PM	(ESPN)

## Thursday, September 9

Washington at BYU	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, September 11

Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Notre Dame at Purdue*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
California at Nebraska*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Virginia at Clemson*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
South Carolina at Georgia	5:00 PM	(ESPN2)
UCLA at Ohio State*	8:00 PM	(ABC)
Georgia Tech at Florida St.*	8:00 PM	(ABC)
Texas at Rutgers	8:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Thursday, September 16

Colorado State at BYU	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, September 18

Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
W. Virginia at Maryland	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Michigan State at Notre Dame	2:30 PM	(NBC)
Big Ten Game*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Kansas at Colorado*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
NC State at Florida St.*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
San Diego St. at USC*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Auburn at LSU	5:00 PM	(ESPN)
Wake Forest at Virginia	7:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Thursday, September 23

Clemson at Virginia Tech	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, September 25

Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Regional Game	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Miami at East Carolina	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
TBA	7:30 PM	(ESPN)
Virginia at BYU	9:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Thursday, September 30

Maryland at Georgia Tech	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, October 2

Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Regional Game	2:30 PM	(NBC)
Oklahoma at Notre Dame	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Regional Game	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Virginia Tech at Virginia	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Alabama at Florida	7:30 PM	(ESPN)
Air Force at San Diego State	9:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Thursday, October 7

Syracuse at Pittsburgh	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, October 9

Miami at Florida St.*	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Michigan at Michigan St.*	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Arizona State at Notre Dame	2:30 PM	(NBC)
Regional Game	3:30 PM	(ABC)
California at BYU*	4:00 PM	(ABC)
ACC Game	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Georgia at Tennessee	7:30 PM	(ESPN)
Mountain West Game	9:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Saturday, October 16

Ohio State at Penn State	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
USC at Notre Dame	2:30 PM	(NBC)
Michigan State at Purdue*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Regional Game*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Arizona St. at Washington*	4:00 PM	(ABC)
TBA	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Syracuse at Virginia Tech	7:00 PM	(ESPN)
Mountain West Game	9:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Saturday, October 23

Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Regional Game	3:30 PM	(ABC)
TBA	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Florida State at Clemson	7:00 PM	(ESPN)
Mountain West Game	9:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Thursday, October 28

Utah at Colorado State	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, October 30

Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Navy at Notre Dame	2:30 PM	(NBC)
Regional Game	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Big East Game	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Florida State at Virginia	7:00 PM	(ESPN)
Ole Miss at LSU	9:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Thursday, November 4

Kentucky at Mississippi State	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, November 6

Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Regional Game	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Miami at Pittsburgh	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Notre Dame at Tennessee	7:30 PM	(ESPN)
Wyoming at Utah	9:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Thursday, November 11

UNC at N.C. State (Charlotte)	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, November 13

Michigan at Penn State	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Big Ten Game	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Regional Game	3:30 PM	(ABC)
USC at Washington State*	4:00 PM	(ABC)
TBA	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Miami at Virginia Tech	7:30 PM	(ESPN)
Mountain West Game	9:00 PM	(ESPN)

## Thursday, November 18

Air Force at Colorado	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, November 20

Ohio State at Michigan	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Purdue at Illinois	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Rutgers at Miami	12:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Boston College at Notre Dame	2:30 PM	(NBC)
Regional Game	3:30 PM	(ABC)
SEC Game	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)
TBA	7:30 PM	(ESPN)

## Thursday, November 25

Ole Miss at Mississippi State	8:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Friday, November 26

Texas at Texas A&M	11:00 AM	(ABC)
Nebraska at Colorado	2:30 PM	(ABC)

## Saturday, November 27

Pittsburgh at West Virginia	12:00 PM	(ESPN)
Georgia at Georgia Tech*	1:00 PM	(ABC)
Arizona at Arizona State*	1:00 PM	(ABC)
Regional Game	1:00 PM	(ABC)
The Bayou Classic:		
Grambling vs. Southern	2:00 PM	(NBC)
TBA	3:30 PM	(ESPN2)
TBA	7:30 PM	(ESPN)
Notre Dame at Stanford	8:00 PM	(ABC)

## Friday, December 3

MAC Championship	8:00 PM	(ESPN2)
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## Saturday, December 4

Big XII Championship	3:30 PM	(ABC)
SEC Championship	8:00 PM	(ABC)

## Saturday, December 11

NCAA Division II Championship	2:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, December 18

Heritage Bowl	12:30 PM	(NBC)
NCAA Division III Championship	1:00 PM	(ESPN2)
NCAA Division I-AA Championship	2:00 PM	(ESPN)
Las Vegas Bowl	6:00 PM	(ESPN2)

## Wednesday, December 22

Mobile Alabama Bowl	7:30 PM	(ESPN2)
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## Saturday, December 25

Blue/Gray All-Star Classic	12:00 PM	(ABC)
Aloha Bowl	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Oahu Bowl	8:30 PM	(ESPN)

## Monday, December 27

Motor City Bowl	1:30 PM	(ESPN)
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## Tuesday, December 28

Alamo Bowl	7:30 PM	(ESPN)
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## Wednesday, December 29

Music City Bowl	4:00 PM	(ESPN)
Holiday Bowl	7:30 PM	(ESPN)

## Thursday, December 30

Humanitarian Bowl	3:00 PM	(ESPN2)
Micron PC Bowl	7:00 PM	(TBS)
Peach Bowl	7:30 PM	(ESPN)

## Friday, December 31

Insight.com Bowl	1:30 PM	(ESPN)
Sun Bowl	2:00 PM	(CBS)
Liberty Bowl	5:00 PM	(ESPN)
Independence Bowl	8:30 PM	(ESPN)

## Saturday, January 1

Outback Bowl	11:00 AM	(ESPN)
Cotton Bowl	11:00 AM	(FOX)
Gator Bowl	12:30 PM	(NBC)
Citrus Bowl	1:00 PM	(ABC)
Rose Bowl	4:30 PM	(ABC)
Orange Bowl	8:30 PM	(ABC)

## Sunday, January 2

Fiesta Bowl	8:00 PM	(ABC)
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## Tuesday, January 4

Sugar Bowl	8:00 PM	(ABC)
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## Saturday, January 15

East West Shrine Classic	4:00 PM	(ESPN)
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## Saturday, January 22

Hula Bowl	4:00 PM	(ESPN)
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# '99 NCAA Division I Schedules

## Air Force Air Force Academy, CO

S. 4	Villanova	W
S. 18	@WASHINGTON	W
S. 25	Wyoming	W
O. 2	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W
O. 9	@NAVY	W
O. 16	Utah	W
O. 30	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	W
N. 6	Army	W
N. 13	UNLV	W
N. 20	@COLORADO STATE	W
N. 27	@NEW MEXICO	W

**Coach:** Fisher DeBerry **Colors:** Silver & Blue  
**Nickname:** Falcons **1998 Record:** 11-1

## Akron Akron, OH

S. 4	@PENN STATE	W
S. 11	@BUFFALO	W
S. 18	Temple	W
S. 25	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	W
O. 2	@BALL STATE	W
O. 9	Ohio	W
O. 16	Bowling Green	W
O. 23	@NAVY	W
O. 30	Western Michigan	W
N. 6	@MIAMI (OH)	W
N. 13	Kent	W

**Coach:** Lee Owens **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Zips **1998 Record:** 4-7

## Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL

S. 4	@VANDERBILT	W
S. 11	Houston	W
S. 18	Louisiana Tech	W
S. 25	Arkansas	W
O. 2	@FLORIDA	W
O. 16	@MISSISSIPPI	W
O. 23	Tennessee	W
O. 30	Southern Mississippi	W
N. 6	LSU	W
N. 13	Mississippi State	W
N. 20	@AUBURN	W

**Coach:** Mike Dubose **Colors:** Crimson & White  
**Nickname:** Crimson Tide **1998 Record:** 7-4

## Alabama A&M Normal, AL

S. 4	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	W
S. 11	@GRAMBLING	W
S. 18	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W
S. 25	Prairie View	W
O. 2	Tennessee State	W
O. 23	Jackson State	W
O. 30	Alabama State	W
N. 13	@ALCORN STATE	W
N. 20	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W

**Coach:** Ron Cooper **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 5-5

## Alabama State Montgomery, AL

S. 4	@TENNESSEE STATE	W
S. 11	Alcorn State	W
S. 18	Troy State	W
S. 25	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	W
O. 2	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W
O. 9	@JACKSON STATE	W
O. 16	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W
O. 30	@ALABAMA A&M	W
N. 6	Grambling	W
N. 13	Prairie View	W
N. 25	Tuskegee	W

**Coach:** Ron Dickerson **Colors:** Black & Old Gold  
**Nickname:** Hornets **1998 Record:** 3-6

## Alcorn State Lorman, MS

S. 4	Grambling	W
S. 11	@ALABAMA STATE	W
S. 25	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W
O. 2	Morehouse	W
O. 9	Prairie View	W
O. 16	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	W
O. 23	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	W
N. 6	Mississippi Valley	W
N. 13	Alabama A&M	W
N. 20	@JACKSON STATE	W

**Coach:** Johnny Thomas **Colors:** Alcorn Purple & Old Gold  
**Nickname:** Braves **1998 Record:** 5-6

## Appalachian State Boone, NC

S. 4	@AUBURN	W
S. 11	Eastern Kentucky	W
S. 25	@CITADEL	W
O. 2	East Tennessee State	W
O. 9	@FURMAN	W
O. 16	Georgia Southern	W
O. 23	@WOFFORD	W
O. 30	Chattanooga	W
N. 6	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	W
N. 13	Western Carolina	W
N. 20	@LIBERTY	W

**Coach:** Jerry Moore **Colors:** Black & Gold  
**Nickname:** Mountaineers **1998 Record:** 10-3

## Arizona Tucson, AZ

A. 28	@PENN STATE	W
S. 4	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	W
S. 11	Middle Tennessee State	W
S. 18	Stanford	W
S. 25	@WASHINGTON STATE	W
O. 9	Southern California	W
O. 16	UTEP	W
O. 23	Oregon	W
O. 30	@UCLA	W
N. 6	Washington	W
N. 13	@OREGON STATE	W
N. 27	@ARIZONA STATE	W

**Coach:** Dick Tomey **Colors:** Cardinal & Navy  
**Nickname:** Wildcats **1998 Record:** 11-1

## Arizona State Tempe, AZ

S. 4	Texas Tech	W
S. 18	New Mexico State	W
S. 25	@CALIFORNIA	W
O. 2	UCLA	W
O. 9	@NOTRE DAME	W
O. 16	@WASHINGTON	W
O. 23	Washington State	W
O. 30	@OREGON	W
N. 6	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	W
N. 13	Stanford	W
N. 27	Arizona	W

**Coach:** Bruce Snyder **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Sun Devils **1998 Record:** 5-6

## Arkansas Fayetteville, AR

S. 4	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	W
S. 25	@ALABAMA	W
O. 2	@KENTUCKY	W
O. 9	Middle Tennessee State	W
O. 16	South Carolina	W
O. 30	Auburn	W
N. 6	@MISSISSIPPI	W
N. 13	Tennessee	W
N. 20	Mississippi State	W
N. 27	@LSU	W

**Coach:** Houston Nutt **Colors:** Cardinal & White  
**Nickname:** Razorbacks **1998 Record:** 9-2

## Arkansas State State University, AR

S. 4	@ILLINOIS	W
S. 11	@OLE MISS RESERVE	W
S. 18	@MISSISSIPPI	W
S. 25	@MEMPHIS	W
S. 25	Texas Christian	W
O. 2	Sam Houston State	W
O. 9	@UTAH STATE	W
O. 16	Idaho	W
O. 23	@NORTH TEXAS	W
O. 30	Southwestern Louisiana	W
N. 6	@BOISE STATE	W
N. 13	Nevada	W

**Coach:** Joe Hollis **Colors:** Scarlet & Black  
**Nickname:** Indians **1998 Record:** 4-8

## Ark.-Pine Bluff Pine Bluff, AR

S. 4	Mississippi Valley	W
S. 11	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	W
S. 18	Hampton	W
S. 25	Alcorn State	W
O. 9	Texas Southern	W
O. 16	Alabama State	W
O. 23	@GRAMBLING	W
O. 30	@JACKSON STATE	W
N. 6	@PRAIRIE VIEW	W
N. 13	Lane	W
N. 20	@ALABAMA A&M	W

**Coach:** Lee Hardman **Colors:** Black & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Lions **1998 Record:** 8-3

## Army West Point, NY

S. 11	Wake Forest	W
S. 18	@TULANE	W
S. 25	Ball State	W
O. 2	East Carolina	W
O. 7	Louisville	W
O. 16	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	W
O. 23	New Mexico State	W
N. 6	@AIR FORCE	W
N. 13	@MEMPHIS	W
N. 20	Houston	W
D. 4	@NAVY	W

**Coach:** Bob Sutton **Colors:** Black, Gold & Gray  
**Nickname:** Cadets **1998 Record:** 3-8

## Auburn Auburn, AL

S. 4	Appalachian State	W
S. 11	Idaho	W
S. 18	@LSU	W
S. 25	Mississippi	W
O. 2	@TENNESSEE	W
O. 9	Mississippi State	W
O. 16	Florida	W
O. 30	@ARKANSAS	W
N. 6	Central Florida	W
N. 13	@GEORGIA	W
N. 20	Alabama	W

**Coach:** Tommy Tuberville **Colors:** Burnt Orange & Navy Blue  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 3-8

## Austin Peay Clarksville, TN

S. 2	Cumberland University	W
S. 11	Samford	W
S. 18	@DAYTON	W
S. 25	@CAMPBELLVILLE	W
O. 2	Jacksonville	W
O. 16	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W
O. 23	Kentucky Wesleyan	W
O. 30	@MOREHEAD STATE	W
N. 6	@CLINCH VALLEY	W
N. 13	@DAVIDSON	W
N. 20	Valparaiso	W

**Coach:** Bill Schmitz **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Governors **1998 Record:** 4-7

## Ball State Muncie, IN

S. 4	@INDIANA	W
S. 11	@WISCONSIN	W
S. 18	Toledo	W
S. 25	@ARMY	W
O. 2	Akron	W
O. 9	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W
O. 23	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	W
O. 30	Ohio	W
N. 6	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	W
N. 13	@BOWLING GREEN	W
N. 20	Central Michigan	W

**Coach:** Bill Lynch **Colors:** Cardinal & White  
**Nickname:** Cardinals **1998 Record:** 1-10

## Baylor Waco, TX

S. 4	@BOSTON COLLEGE	W
S. 11	UNLV	W
S. 18	@OKLAHOMA	W
S. 25	Texas	W
O. 2	North Texas	W
O. 9	@TEXAS A&M	W
O. 23	Texas Tech	W
O. 30	@KANAS STATE	W
N. 6	@KANSAS	W
N. 13	Colorado	W
N. 20	Oklahoma State	W

**Coach:** Kevin Steele **Colors:** Green & Gold  
**Nickname:** Bears **1998 Record:** 2-9

## Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, FL

S. 4	Savannah State	W
S. 11	Morgan State	W
S. 18	Howard	W
S. 25	Morris Brown	W
O. 2	@DELAWARE STATE	W
O. 9	Johnson C. Smith	W
O. 16	South Carolina State	W
O. 30	North Carolina A&T	W
N. 6	Hampton	W
N. 13	@NORFOLK STATE	W
N. 20	Florida A&M	W

**Coach:** Alvin Wyatt **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Wildcats **1998 Record:** 8-2

Boise State Boise, ID	
S. 4 @UCLA	W
S. 11 Southern Utah	W
S. 18 @HAWAII	W
S. 25 New Mexico	W
O. 2 Utah	W
O. 9 Eastern Washington	W
O. 16 @NORTH TEXAS	W
O. 23 Nevada	W
O. 30 @UTAH STATE	W
N. 6 Arkansas State	W
N. 13 New Mexico State	W
N. 20 @IDAHO	W
^ At Pullman, WA	

**Coach:** Dirk Koetter **Colors:** Blue & Orange  
**Nickname:** Broncos 1998 Record: 6-5

Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA	
S. 4 Baylor	W
S. 18 @NAVY	W
S. 25 @RUTGERS	W
O. 2 Northeastern	W
O. 9 @TEMPLE	W
O. 16 Pittsburgh	W
O. 23 Miami (FL)	W
O. 30 @SYRACUSE	W
N. 13 West Virginia	W
N. 20 @NOTRE DAME	W
N. 26 @VIRGINIA TECH	W

**Coach:** Tom O'Brien **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Eagles 1998 Record: 4-7

Bowling Green Bowling Green, OH	
S. 4 Pittsburgh	W
S. 11 @TENNESSEE TECH	W
S. 18 @MARSHALL	W
S. 25 @KENT	W
O. 2 Toledo	W
O. 9 Miami (OH)	W
O. 16 @AKRON	W
O. 23 @OHIO	W
O. 30 Central Michigan	W
N. 13 Ball State	W
N. 20 @CENTRAL FLORIDA	W

**Coach:** Gary Blackney **Colors:** Brown & Orange  
**Nickname:** Eagles 1998 Record: 5-6

Brigham Young Provo, UT	
S. 9 Washington	W
S. 16 Colorado State	W
S. 25 Virginia	W
O. 1 @UTAH STATE	W
O. 9 California	W
O. 16 @NEW MEXICO	W
O. 23 @UNLV	W
O. 30 Air Force	W
N. 6 @SAN DIEGO STATE	W
N. 13 @WYOMING	W
N. 27 Utah	W

**Coach:** LaVell Edwards **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Cougars 1998 Record: 9-4

Brown Providence, RI	
S. 18 @YALE	W
S. 25 Lafayette	W
O. 2 Cornell	W
O. 9 Princeton	W
O. 16 Rhode Island	W
O. 23 @PENNSYLVANIA	W
O. 30 @FORDHAM	W
N. 6 Harvard	W
N. 13 @DARTMOUTH	W
N. 20 Columbia	W

**Coach:** Phil Estes **Colors:** Brown, Red & White  
**Nickname:** Bears 1998 Record: 7-3

Bucknell Lewisburg, PA	
S. 4 Morgan State	W
S. 11 @COLGATE	W
S. 18 Towson State	W
S. 25 Delaware State	W
O. 2 @PENNSYLVANIA	W
O. 9 @COLUMBIA	W
O. 16 Duquesne	W
O. 23 @LAFAYETTE	W
N. 6 Holy Cross	W
N. 13 Lehigh	W
N. 20 @FORDHAM	W

**Coach:** Tom Gadd **Colors:** Blue & Orange  
**Nickname:** Bison 1998 Record: 6-5

Buffalo Buffalo, NY	
S. 11 Akron	W
S. 18 @CONNECTICUT	W
S. 25 @OHIO	W
O. 2 Northern Illinois	W
O. 9 Central Michigan	W
O. 16 @WESTERN MICHIGAN	W
O. 23 Marshall	W
O. 30 @KENT	W
N. 6 Hofstra	W
N. 13 @VIRGINIA	W
N. 20 @MIAMI (OH)	W

**Coach:** Craig Cirbus **Colors:** Royal Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Bulls 1998 Record: 4-7

Butler Indianapolis, IN	
S. 4 @ALBION	W
S. 11 Morehead State	W
S. 18 @ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W
S. 25 Wesley College	W
O. 2 @DAYTON	W
O. 9 Valparaiso	W
O. 16 @SAN DIEGO	W
O. 23 Drake	W
N. 6 Quincy	W
N. 13 @LINDENWOOD	W

**Coach:** Ken LaRose **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs 1998 Record: 4-6

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CA	
S. 4 @NORTHERN ARIZONA	W
S. 18 Montana State	W
S. 25 @HOFSTRA	W
O. 2 Southern Utah	W
O. 9 @NORTHERN IOWA	W
O. 16 @YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W
O. 23 @CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	W
O. 30 Portland State	W
N. 6 Montana	W
N. 13 @ST. MARY'S (CA)	W
N. 20 Sacramento State	W

**Coach:** Larry Welsh **Colors:** Green & Gold  
**Nickname:** Mustangs 1998 Record: 3-8

Cal St. Northridge Northridge, CA	
S. 4 Western Oregon	W
S. 11 @KANSAS	W
S. 25 @EASTERN WASHINGTON	W
O. 2 Idaho State	W
O. 9 @MONTANA	W
O. 16 Sacramento State	W
O. 23 @MONTANA STATE	W
O. 30 Weber State	W
N. 6 @PORTLAND STATE	W
N. 13 @SOUTHERN METHODIST	W
N. 20 Northern Arizona	W

**Coach:** Ron Ponciano **Colors:** Red, White & Black  
**Nickname:** Matadors 1998 Record: 7-4

California Berkeley, CA	
S. 4 Rutgers	W
S. 11 @NEBRASKA	W
S. 25 Arizona State	W
O. 2 @WASHINGTON STATE	W
O. 9 @BRIGHAM YOUNG	W
O. 16 @UCLA	W
O. 23 Washington	W
O. 30 Southern California	W
N. 6 @OREGON STATE	W
N. 13 Oregon	W
N. 20 @STANFORD	W

**Coach:** Tom Holmoe **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Bears 1998 Record: 5-6

Canisius Buffalo, NY	
S. 11 @ROCHESTER	W
S. 18 @ST. PETER'S	W
S. 25 Fairfield	W
O. 2 Marist	W
O. 9 @LA SALLE	W
O. 16 @ALFRED	W
O. 23 @SIENA	W
O. 30 Iona	W
N. 6 @ST. JOHN'S (NY)	W
N. 13 Georgetown	W
N. 20 @DUQUESNE	W

**Coach:** Chuck Williams **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Griffins 1998 Record: 3-6

Central Conn. St. New Britain, CT	
S. 4 Albany (NY)	W
S. 11 @FROSTBURG STATE	W
S. 25 Robert Morris	W
O. 2 @FAIRFIELD	W
O. 9 @ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W
O. 16 @WAGNER	W
O. 23 Sacred Heart	W
O. 30 @STONY BROOK	W
N. 6 Southern Connecticut State	W
N. 13 Monmouth (NJ)	W

**Coach:** Sal Clinton **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Blue Devils 1998 Record: 4-6

Central Florida Orlando, FL	
S. 4 Purdue	W
S. 11 @FLORIDA	W
S. 18 @GEORGIA TECH	W
S. 25 @GEORGIA	W
O. 2 Eastern Illinois	W
O. 16 Nicholls State	W
O. 23 Louisiana Tech	W
O. 30 Eastern Michigan	W
N. 6 @AUBURN	W
N. 13 @MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	W
N. 20 Bowling Green	W

**Coach:** Mike Kruczek **Colors:** Gold & Black  
**Nickname:** Golden Knights 1998 Record: 9-2

Central Michigan Mount Pleasant, MI	
S. 2 Eastern Illinois	W
S. 11 @SYRACUSE	W
S. 18 @PURDUE	W
S. 25 Miami (OH)	W
O. 2 @WESTERN MICHIGAN	W
O. 9 @BUFFALO	W
O. 16 Northern Illinois	W
O. 30 @BOWLING GREEN	W
N. 6 Toledo	W
N. 13 Eastern Michigan	W
N. 20 @BALL STATE	W

**Coach:** Dick Flynn **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Chippewas 1998 Record: 6-5

Charleston Southern Charleston, SC	
S. 4 @SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W
S. 11 Presbyterian	W
S. 18 West Virginia State	W
S. 25 @WOFFORD	W
O. 2 Lenoir-Rhyne	W
O. 9 @NEWBERRY	W
O. 16 Austin Peay	W
O. 23 Liberty	W
O. 30 @ELON	W
N. 6 Tusculum	W
N. 20 @JACKSONVILLE	W

**Coach:** David Dowd **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Buccaneers 1998 Record: 3-8

Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN	
S. 2 @SAMFORD	W
S. 11 @LOUISVILLE	W
S. 18 Savannah State	W
S. 25 @GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W
O. 2 Wofford	W
O. 16 @VIRGINIA MILITARY	W
O. 23 Western Carolina	W
O. 30 @APPALACHIAN STATE	W
N. 6 Citadel	W
N. 13 @EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W
N. 20 Furman	W

**Coach:** Buddy Green **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Mocs 1998 Record: 5-6

Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH	
S. 4 Kent	W
S. 11 Troy State	W
S. 18 Wisconsin	W
S. 25 @OHIO STATE	W
O. 9 @HOUSTON	W
O. 16 UAB	W
O. 23 @SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	W
O. 30 @MIAMI (OH)	W
N. 6 Louisville	W
N. 13 @EAST CAROLINA	W
N. 20 Memphis	W

**Coach:** Rick Minter **Colors:** Red & Black  
**Nickname:** Bearcats 1998 Record: 2-9

Citadel Charleston, SC	
S. 2 @EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W
S. 11 Delaware	W
S. 18 @WESTERN CAROLINA	W
S. 25 Appalachian State	W
O. 2 South Carolina State	W
O. 9 @VANDERBILT	W
O. 16 Furman	W
O. 23 @GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W
O. 30 Wofford	W
N. 6 @CHATTANOOGA	W
N. 13 Virginia Military	W

**Coach:** Don Powers **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs 1998 Record: 5-6

Clemson Clemson, SC	
S. 4 Marshall	W
S. 11 Virginia	W
S. 23 @VIRGINIA TECH	W
O. 2 North Carolina	W
O. 9 @NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W
O. 16 @MARYLAND	W
O. 23 Florida State	W
O. 30 @WAKE FOREST	W
N. 6 Duke	W
N. 13 @GEORGIA TECH	W
N. 20 @SOUTH CAROLINA	W

**Coach:** Tommy Bowden **Colors:** Purple & Orange  
**Nickname:** Tigers 1998 Record: 3-8

Colgate Hamilton, NY	
S. 4 Maine	W
S. 11 Bucknell	W
S. 18 @FORDHAM	W
S. 25 @DARTMOUTH	W
O. 2 @HARVARD	W
O. 9 @LAFAYETTE	W
O. 16 Cornell	W
O. 23 @ST. MARY'S (CA)	W
N. 6 Lehigh	W
N. 13 Towson State	W
N. 20 @HOLY CROSS	W

**Coach:** Dick Biddle **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Red Raiders 1998 Record: 8-4

Colorado Boulder, CO	
S. 4 Colorado State	W
S. 11 San Jose State	W
S. 18 Kutztown	W
S. 25 @WASHINGTON	W
O. 9 Missouri	W
O. 16 @TEXAS TECH	W
O. 23 @IOWA STATE	W
O. 30 Oklahoma	W
N. 6 @KANSAS STATE	W
N. 13 @BAYLOR	W
N. 26 Nebraska	W

**Coach:** Gary Barnett **Colors:** Silver, Gold & Black  
**Nickname:** Buffaloes 1998 Record: 7-4

Colorado State Fort Collins, CO	
S. 4 @COLORADO	W
S. 11 Nevada	W
S. 16 @BRIGHAM YOUNG	W
O. 2 New Mexico State	W
O. 9 @FRESNO STATE	W
O. 16 San Diego State	W
O. 23 @WYOMING	W
O. 30 Utah	W
N. 6 @NEW MEXICO	W
N. 20 Air Force	W
N. 27 @UNLV	W

**Coach:** Sonny Lubick **Colors:** Green & Gold  
**Nickname:** Rams 1998 Record: 8-4

Columbia New York, NY	
S. 18 @HARVARD	W
S. 25 Towson State	W
O. 2 @LEHIGH	W
O. 9 Bucknell	W
O. 16 Pennsylvania	W
O. 23 Yale	W
O. 30 @PRINCETON	W
N. 6 Dartmouth	W
N. 13 @CORNELL	W
N. 20 @BROWN	W

**Coach:** Ray Tellier **Colors:** Columbia Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Lions 1998 Record: 4-6

**Connecticut Storrs, CT**

S. 4	@HOFSTRA	W	40-18
S. 11	@KENTUCKY	W	
S. 18	Buffalo	W	
S. 25	@MAINE	W	35-27
O. 2	Rhode Island	W	31-17
O. 16	Villanova	W	
O. 23	@JAMES MADISON	L	
O. 30	Boston University	W	
O. 30	Richmond	W	
N. 6	Northeastern	W	32-22
N. 13	New Hampshire	W	20-34
N. 20	@MASSACHUSETTS	W	28-27

**Coach:** Randy Edsall **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Huskies **1998 Record:** 10-3

**Cornell Ithaca, NY**

S. 18	@PRINCETON	W	0-6
S. 25	Fordham	W	
O. 2	@BROWN	W	7-20
O. 9	Harvard	W	12-19
O. 16	@COLGATE	W	
O. 23	@DARTMOUTH	L	14-11
O. 30	Wagner	W	
N. 6	Yale	W	21-28
N. 13	Columbia	W	10-22
N. 20	@PENNSYLVANIA	W	21-35

**Coach:** Peter Mangurian **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Big Red **1998 Record:** 4-6

**Dartmouth Hanover, NH**

S. 18	@PENNSYLVANIA	W	14-17
S. 25	Colgate	W	24-45
O. 2	@LAFAYETTE	W	13-10 (OT)
O. 9	Lehigh	W	
O. 16	@YALE	W	22-19
O. 23	Cornell	W	11-14
O. 30	@HARVARD	W	7-20
N. 6	@COLUMBIA	W	14-24
N. 13	Brown	W	21-28
N. 20	Princeton	W	13-35

**Coach:** John Lyons **Colors:** Dartmouth Green & White  
**Nickname:** Big Green **1998 Record:** 2-8

**Davidson Davidson, NC**

S. 2	@MOREHEAD STATE*		
S. 11	Jacksonville	W	14-19
S. 18	Sewanee Club	W	
S. 25	@EMORY & HENRY	W	24-27
O. 2	Guilford	W	24-7
O. 9	@WASHINGTON & LEE	W	29-7
O. 16	@GEORGETOWN	W	
O. 23	@RANDOLPH-MACON	W	30-16
O. 30	Hampden-Sydney	W	23-7
N. 6	@CENTRE	W	21-6
N. 13	Austin Peay	W	

**Coach:** Tim Landis **Colors:** Red & Black  
**Nickname:** Wildcats **1998 Record:** 8-2

**Dayton Dayton, OH**

S. 4	McKendree*		
S. 11	@ROBERT MORRIS	W	31-22
S. 18	Austin Peay*	W	17-21
S. 25	@MOREHEAD STATE*	W	34-35 (OT)
O. 2	Butler*	W	31-27
O. 9	San Diego*	W	35-27
O. 16	@DRAKE	W	21-28
O. 23	St. Joseph's (IN)	W	17-30
O. 30	Valparaiso	W	23-16
N. 6	@TOWSON STATE	W	43-42

**Coach:** Mike Kelly **Colors:** Red & Blue  
**Nickname:** Flyers **1998 Record:** 6-4

**Delaware Newark, DE**

S. 2	William & Mary*	W	45-52
S. 11	@CITADEL*	W	
S. 18	West Chester	W	42-21
S. 25	@JAMES MADISON*	W	28-14
O. 2	Richmond	W	6-45
O. 16	Lehigh	W	
O. 23	Massachusetts	W	33-30
O. 30	@NORTHEASTERN	W	27-20
N. 6	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	31-7
N. 13	Rhode Island	W	
N. 20	@VILLANOVA	W	31-34 (OT)

**Coach:** Harold Raymond **Colors:** Royal Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Blue Hens **1998 Record:** 7-4

**Delaware State Dover, DE**

S. 4	@HAMPTON	W	13-41
S. 11	Elon	W	15-37
S. 18	Norfolk State	W	26-38
S. 25	@BUCKNELL	W	
O. 2	Bethune-Cookman	W	8-50
O. 8	@HOFSTRA*	W	0-68
O. 23	Morgan State	W	13-15
O. 30	@FLORIDA A&M	W	21-56
N. 6	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	15-47
N. 13	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W	14-31
N. 20	Howard	W	43-46

**Coach:** John McKenzie **Colors:** Columbia Blue & Red  
**Nickname:** Hornets **1998 Record:** 0-11

**Drake Des Moines, IA**

S. 4	@MORNINGSIDE	W	12-0
S. 11	St. Ambrose	W	18-24
S. 18	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	W	
S. 25	Quincy	W	59-34
O. 2	@VALPARAISO	W	33-18
O. 9	St. Mary's (CA)	W	21-27
O. 16	Dayton	W	28-21
O. 23	@BUTLER	W	41-7
O. 30	@SAN DIEGO	W	37-13
N. 6	@JACKSONVILLE	W	
N. 20	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	

**Coach:** Rob Ash **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 7-3

**Duke Durham, NC**

S. 11	@EAST CAROLINA	W	44-10
S. 18	Northwestern	W	33-36 (OT)
S. 25	Vanderbilt	W	13-62
O. 2	Florida State*	W	0-24
O. 9	@VIRGINIA	W	13-41
O. 16	Georgia Tech	W	24-27
O. 23	North Carolina State	W	25-42
O. 30	@MARYLAND	W	28-23
N. 6	@CLEMSON	W	19-16
N. 13	Wake Forest	W	6-28
N. 20	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	

**Coach:** Carl Franks **Colors:** Royal Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Blue Devils **1998 Record:** 4-7

**Duquesne Pittsburgh, PA**

S. 11	La Salle	W	20-23 (OT)
S. 18	@FAIRFIELD	W	39-27
S. 25	@MARIST	W	52-0
O. 2	St. Peter's	W	31-3
O. 9	St. John's (NY)	W	10-38
O. 16	@BUCKNELL	W	37-14
O. 23	@IONA	W	33-7
O. 30	Siena	W	23-28
N. 6	@GEORGETOWN	W	41-21
N. 13	@LAFAYETTE	W	
N. 20	Canisius	W	

**Coach:** Greg Gattuso **Colors:** Red & Blue  
**Nickname:** Dukes **1998 Record:** 8-3

**East Carolina Greenville, NC**

S. 4	West Virginia	W	
S. 11	Duke	W	
S. 18	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	
S. 25	Miami (FL)	W	
O. 2	@ARMY	W	30-25
O. 9	Southern Mississippi	W	7-41
O. 23	Tulane	W	
O. 30	@HOUSTON	W	31-34
N. 6	@UAB	W	26-7
N. 13	Cincinnati	W	24-21
N. 20	North Carolina State	W	

**Coach:** Steve Logan **Colors:** Purple & Gold  
**Nickname:** Pirates **1998 Record:** 6-5

**East Tenn. St. Johnson City, TN**

S. -2	Citadel*	W	20-31
S. 18	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	W	44-8
S. 25	Western Carolina	W	24-31 (OT)
O. 2	@APPALACHIAN STATE	W	17-22
O. 16	Liberty	W	
O. 23	@FURMAN	W	22-19 (OT)
O. 30	Georgia Southern	W	26-47
N. 6	@WOFFORD	W	45-24
N. 13	Chattanooga	W	7-10
N. 20	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE*	W	

**Coach:** Paul Hamilton **Colors:** Navy Blue & Old Gold  
**Nickname:** Buccaneers **1998 Record:** 4-7

**Eastern Illinois Charleston, IL**

S. 2	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	W	
S. 11	@HAWAII	W	
S. 18	Southern Illinois*	W	56-35
S. 25	Tennessee-Martin	W	0-48
O. 2	@CENTRAL FLORIDA*	W	21-27
O. 9	@TENNESSEE STATE	W	21-35
O. 16	@MURRAY STATE	W	13-6
O. 23	Tennessee Tech	W	
O. 30	Western Kentucky	W	
N. 6	@S.E. MISSOURI STATE	W	35-33
N. 13	Illinois State	W	22-36
N. 20	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	W	24-28

**Coach:** Bob Spoo **Colors:** Blue & Gray  
**Nickname:** Panthers **1998 Record:** 6-5

**Eastern Kentucky Richmond, KY**

S. 2	Kentucky State*	W	19-13
S. 11	@APPALACHIAN STATE*	W	0-19
S. 18	Indiana State*	W	
S. 25	@SAMPFORD	W	
O. 2	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.	W	19-7
O. 9	Western Kentucky*	W	27-16
O. 23	Tennessee-Martin	W	47-29
O. 30	@TENNESSEE STATE	W	21-31
N. 6	@MURRAY STATE	W	21-28
N. 13	@TENNESSEE TECH	W	29-31 (OT)
N. 20	Eastern Illinois	W	28-24

**Coach:** Roy Kidd **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Colonels **1998 Record:** 6-5

**Eastern Michigan Ypsilanti, MI**

S. 11	@MICHIGAN STATE	W	
S. 18	@MIAMI (OH)	W	
S. 25	Akron*	W	21-24
O. 2	@LOUISVILLE*	W	
O. 9	Western Michigan*	W	35-45
O. 16	Ohio*	W	21-49
O. 23	@TOLEDO	W	10-7
O. 30	@CENTRAL FLORIDA	W	
N. 6	Ball State*	W	13-7
N. 13	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	23-36 (OT)
N. 20	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	14-26

**Coach:** Rick Rasnick **Colors:** Dark Green & White  
**Nickname:** Eagles **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Eastern Washington Cheney, WA**

S. 3	Idaho	W	14-31
S. 11	Central Washington*	W	
S. 18	@PORTLAND STATE*	W	27-30 (OT)
S. 25	Cal State Northridge*	W	35-38
O. 2	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	W	21-17
O. 9	@BOISE STATE	W	
O. 16	Idaho State	W	44-13
O. 23	@MONTANA	W	27-30
O. 30	Sacramento State	W	31-25
N. 6	@MONTANA STATE	W	31-24
N. 13	Weber State	W	23-27

**Coach:** Mike Kramer **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Eagles **1998 Record:** 5-6

**Elon Elon College, NC**

S. 4	@FURMAN*	W	
S. 11	@DELAWARE STATE	W	37-15
S. 18	North Alabama	W	
S. 25	North Carolina A&T	W	
O. 2	New Haven	W	
O. 9	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	7-17
O. 16	@SAMPFORD	W	36-0
O. 23	Hofstra	W	
O. 30	Charleston Southern	W	
N. 6	@LIBERTY	W	36-14
N. 13	Morehead State	W	

**Coach:** Al Seagraves **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Fighting Christians **1998 Record:** 5-6

**Fairfield Fairfield, CT**

S. 11	@IONA	W	42-21
S. 18	Duquesne	W	23-20 (OT)
S. 25	@CANISIUS	W	42-0
O. 2	Central Connecticut State	W	26-6
O. 9	Siena	W	38-0
O. 16	@HOLY CROSS	W	22-26
O. 23	St. John's (NY)	W	40-14
O. 30	@GEORGETOWN	W	24-17
N. 6	Marist	W	17-20
N. 13	La Salle	W	
N. 20	@ST. PETER'S	W	48-0

**Coach:** Kevin Kiesel **Colors:** Scarlet & White  
**Nickname:** Stags **1998 Record:** 9-2

**Florida Gainesville, FL**

S. 4	Western Michigan	W	
S. 11	Central Florida	W	
S. 18	Tennessee	W	17-20 (OT)
S. 25	@KENTUCKY	W	51-35
O. 2	Alabama	W	16-10
O. 9	@LSU*	W	22-10
O. 16	@AUBURN	W	24-3
O. 30	Georgia*	W	38-7
N. 6	Vanderbilt	W	45-13
N. 13	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	33-14
N. 20	Florida State	W	12-23

**Coach:** Steve Spurrier **Colors:** Orange & Blue  
**Nickname:** Gators **1998 Record:** 9-2

**Florida A&M Tallahassee, FL**

S. 4	@MIAMI (FL)	W	84-14
S. 11	Norfolk State	W	31-23
S. 18	@TENNESSEE STATE*	W	37-14
S. 25	South Carolina State	W	59-32
O. 2	Morgan State*	W	69-41
O. 23	@HAMPTON	W	14-21
O. 30	Delaware State	W	56-21
N. 6	Southern University	W	50-48
N. 13	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	51-12
N. 20	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	50-14

**Coach:** Billy Joe **Colors:** Orange & Green  
**Nickname:** Rattlers **1998 Record:** 11-2

**Florida State Tallahassee, FL**

A. 28	Louisiana Tech	W	34-7
S. 11	Georgia Tech	W	7-24
S. 18	North Carolina State	W	39-13
S. 25	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	62-13
O. 2	@DUKE*	W	26-14
O. 9	Miami (FL)	W	24-7
O. 16	Wake Forest	W	48-0
O. 23	@CLEMSON	W	45-14
O. 30	@VIRGINIA	W	24-10
N. 13	Maryland	W	23-12
N. 20	@FLORIDA	W	

**Coach:** Bobby Bowden **Colors:** Garnet & Gold  
**Nickname:** Seminoles **1998 Record:** 11-1

**Fordham Bronx, NY**

S. 11	Lehigh	W	6-31
S. 18	Colgate	W	20-42
S. 25	@CORNELL	W	
O. 2	@PRINCETON	W	20-17 (OT)
O. 9	@PENNSYLVANIA	W	31-34
O. 16	Harvard	W	
O. 23	@TOWSON STATE	W	34-35 (OT)
O. 30	Brown	W	27-38
N. 6	@LAFAYETTE	W	20-27
N. 13	Holy Cross	W	13-10
N. 20	Bucknell	W	20-17

**Coach:** Dave Clawson **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Rams **1998 Record:** 4-7

**Fresno State Fresno, CA**

S. 4	Portland State*	W	
S. 11	@OREGON STATE	W	
S. 18	@UCLA	W	
S. 25	@NEVADA	W	24-27
O. 2	Texas Christian	W	10-21
O. 9	Colorado State	W	
O. 16	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	W	
O. 23	UTEP	W	32-6
O. 30	@TULSA	W	
N. 6	Rice	W	
N. 13	@HAWAII*	W	51-12
N. 20	San Jose State	W	24-21

**Coach:** Pat Hill **Colors:** Cardinal & Blue  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 5-6

**Furman Greenville, SC**

**Georgetown** Washington, DC

S. 11	@HOLY CROSS	13-12
S. 18	Siena	42-14
S. 25	St. John's (NY)	28-17
O. 2	@IONA	34-0
O. 9	@MARIST	24-7
O. 16	Davidson	
O. 23	@ST. PETER'S	54-7
O. 30	Fairfield	17-24
N. 6	Duquesne	28-23
N. 13	@CANISIUS	28-0
N. 20	La Salle	

**Coach:** Bob Benson **Colors:** Blue & Gray  
**Nickname:** Hoyas **1998 Record:** 9-2

**Georgia** Athens, GA

S. 4	Utah State	
S. 11	South Carolina	17-3
S. 25	Central Florida	
O. 2	LSU	28-27
O. 9	@TENNESSEE	3-22
O. 16	@VANDERBILT	31-6
O. 23	Kentucky	26-26
O. 30	@FLORIDA	7-38
N. 13	Auburn	28-17
N. 20	@MISSISSIPPI	24-17
N. 27	@GEORGIA TECH	19-21

**Coach:** Jim Donnan **Colors:** Red & Black  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 8-3

**Georgia Southern** Statesboro, GA

S. 4	Fayetteville State*	
S. 11	@WOFFORD*	45-10
S. 18	@OREGON STATE	
S. 25	Chattanooga	42-25
O. 2	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	63-7
O. 9	Western Carolina	28-21
O. 16	@APPALACHIAN STATE	37-24
O. 23	Citadel	51-34
O. 30	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	47-26
N. 6	Furman	45-17
N. 13	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	51-32

**Coach:** Paul Johnson **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Eagles **1998 Record:** 14-1

**Georgia Tech** Atlanta, GA

S. 4	@NAVY	
S. 11	@FLORIDA STATE	7-34
S. 18	Central Florida	
S. 30	Maryland	31-14
O. 9	North Carolina	43-21
O. 16	@DUKE	41-13
O. 30	North Carolina State	47-24
N. 6	@VIRGINIA	41-38
N. 13	Clemson	24-21
N. 20	@WAKE FOREST	63-35
N. 27	Georgia	21-19

**Coach:** George O'Leary **Colors:** Old Gold & White  
**Nickname:** Yellow Jackets **1998 Record:** 9-2

**Grambling** Grambling, LA

S. 4	@ALCORN STATE	11-0
S. 11	Alabama A&M*	13-14 (OT)
S. 18	@JACKSON STATE*	35-68
S. 25	Hampton*	15-28
O. 2	Prairie View*	55-40
O. 9	Mississippi Valley	21-13
O. 23	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	33-54
O. 30	Texas Southern	24-41
N. 6	@ALABAMA STATE*	31-6
N. 13	@WINSTON-SALEM	
N. 27	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	

**Coach:** Doug Williams **Colors:** Black & Gold  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 4-5

**Hampton** Hampton, VA

S. 4	Delaware State	41-13
S. 11	@HOWARD*	38-31
S. 18	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF*	
S. 25	@GRAMBLING	28-15
O. 2	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY*	
O. 9	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	23-10
O. 16	@NORFOLK STATE	59-14
O. 23	Florida A&M	21-14
O. 30	South Carolina State	20-7
N. 6	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN*	13-14
N. 20	Morgan State	55-0

**Coach:** Joe Taylor **Colors:** Royal Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Pirates **1998 Record:** 9-3

**Harvard** Boston, MA

S. 18	Columbia	0-24
S. 25	@HOLY CROSS	20-14 (OT)
O. 2	Colgate	14-34
O. 9	@CORNELL	19-12
O. 16	@FORDHAM	
O. 23	Princeton	23-22
O. 30	Dartmouth	20-7
N. 6	@BROWN	6-27
N. 13	Pennsylvania	
N. 20	@YALE	7-9

**Coach:** Tim Murphy **Colors:** Crimson  
**Nickname:** Crimson **1998 Record:** 4-5

**Hawaii** Honolulu, HI

S. 4	Southern California	
S. 11	Eastern Illinois	
S. 18	Boise State	
S. 25	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	0-28
O. 2	UTEP*	13-30
O. 9	Rice*	
O. 23	@TULSA	
O. 30	Texas Christian	
N. 6	@SAN JOSE STATE	17-45
N. 13	Fresno State*	12-51
N. 20	Navy*	
N. 27	Washington State	

**Coach:** June Jones **Colors:** Green & White  
**Nickname:** Rainbow Warriors **1998 Record:** 0-12

**Hofstra** Hempstead, NY

S. 4	Connecticut*	18-40
S. 11	@MAINE*	
S. 18	@RHODE ISLAND	48-30
S. 25	Cal Poly*	
O. 2	@MASSACHUSETTS	35-40
O. 9	Delaware State*	68-0
O. 16	Richmond	
O. 23	@ELON	
O. 30	@BUFFALO	44-36
N. 13	@SOUTH FLORIDA*	50-30
N. 20	James Madison	37-24

**Coach:** Joe Gardi **Colors:** Blue, White, & Gold  
**Nickname:** Flying Dutchmen **1998 Record:** 8-3

**Holy Cross** Worcester, MA

S. 11	Georgetown	12-13
S. 18	Lafayette	17-28
S. 25	Harvard	14-20 (OT)
O. 2	@TOWSON STATE	31-24
O. 9	Yale	7-15
O. 16	Fairfield	26-22
O. 23	@LEHIGH	14-24
O. 30	@ST. MARY'S (CA)	
N. 6	@BUCKNELL	14-30
N. 13	@FORDHAM	10-13
N. 20	Colgate	14-28

**Coach:** Dan Allen **Colors:** Royal Purple & White  
**Nickname:** Crusaders **1998 Record:** 2-9

**Houston** Houston, TX

S. 4	Rice*	
S. 11	@ALABAMA	
S. 18	Southwestern Louisiana	
S. 25	@UAB*	
O. 9	Cincinnati	43-44
O. 16	@NORTH CAROLINA	
O. 23	@LOUISVILLE	
O. 30	East Carolina	34-31
N. 6	Tulane	20-48
N. 13	@LSU*	
N. 20	@ARMY	28-38

**Coach:** Kim Helton **Colors:** Scarlet & White  
**Nickname:** Cougars **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Howard** Washington, DC

S. 4	@JACKSON STATE*	34-8
S. 11	Hampton*	31-38
S. 18	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	32-25
S. 25	Texas Southern	7-30
O. 9	Florida A&M	41-69
O. 16	Towson State	
O. 23	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	6-17
O. 30	@NORFOLK STATE	54-20
N. 6	South Carolina State	32-31
N. 13	@MORGAN STATE	69-3
N. 20	@DELAWARE STATE	46-43

**Coach:** Steve Wilson **Colors:** Navy Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Bison **1998 Record:** 7-4

**Idaho** Moscow, ID

S. 3	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	31-14
S. 11	@AUBURN*	
S. 18	@WASHINGTON STATE	16-24
O. 2	@WYOMING	
O. 9	North Texas*	4-23
O. 16	@ARKANSAS STATE	52-14
O. 23	Utah State*	26-14
O. 30	@NEW MEXICO STATE	36-32
N. 6	@NEVADA	23-58
N. 13	@MONTANA	
N. 20	Boise State*	36-35 (OT)

**Coach:** Chris Tormey **Colors:** Silver & Gold  
**Nickname:** Vandals **1998 Record:** 8-3

**Idaho State** Pocatello, ID

S. 4	Eastern Oregon*	
S. 11	Fort Lewis*	
S. 18	@WEBER STATE*	3-6
S. 25	Portland State*	43-41
O. 2	@CAL STATE NORTHRISE	32-29
O. 9	Northern Arizona	7-30
O. 16	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	13-44
O. 23	@SOUTHERN UTAH	50-33
O. 30	Montana*	13-40
N. 6	@SACRAMENTO STATE	13-36
N. 13	Montana State*	35-66

**Coach:** Larry Lewis **Colors:** Black & Orange  
**Nickname:** Bengals **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Illinois** Champaign, IL

S. 4	Arkansas State	
S. 11	San Diego State	
S. 18	@LOUISVILLE*	9-35
S. 25	Michigan State	9-41
O. 2	@INDIANA	31-16
O. 16	Minnesota	
O. 23	@MICHIGAN	
O. 30	Penn State	0-27
N. 6	@IOWA	14-37
N. 13	@OHIO STATE	0-41
N. 20	Northwestern	13-10

**Coach:** Ron Turner **Colors:** Orange & Blue  
**Nickname:** Fighting Illini **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Illinois State** Normal, IL

S. 2	Truman*	
S. 11	Southwest Missouri State*	
S. 18	@MINNESOTA	
S. 25	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI	42-49
O. 2	Northern Iowa	38-23
O. 9	Indiana State	24-20
O. 16	@SOUTH FLORIDA*	
O. 23	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	41-38 (OT)
O. 30	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	48-14
N. 6	Western Illinois	10-37
N. 13	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	36-22

**Coach:** Todd Berry **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Redbirds **1998 Record:** 8-4

**Indiana** Bloomington, IN

S. 4	Ball State*	
S. 11	North Carolina	
S. 18	Kentucky	27-31
S. 25	@PENN STATE	
O. 2	Illinois	16-31
O. 9	Northwestern	
O. 16	@WISCONSIN	20-24
O. 23	@IOWA	14-7
O. 30	Michigan	10-21
N. 13	@MINNESOTA	20-19
N. 20	Purdue	7-52

**Coach:** Cam Cameron **Colors:** Cream & Crimson  
**Nickname:** Hoosiers **1998 Record:** 4-7

**Indiana State** Terre Haute, IN

S. 2	@IOWA STATE*	
S. 11	@OKLAHOMA*	
S. 18	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	
O. 2	Youngstown State	14-20
O. 9	@ILLINOIS STATE	20-24
O. 16	Southwest Missouri State	21-14
O. 23	Western Illinois	9-26
O. 30	@NORTHERN IOWA	28-31
N. 6	Southern Illinois	27-21
N. 13	Western Kentucky	14-42
N. 20	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI	24-14

**Coach:** Tim McGuire **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Sycamores **1998 Record:** 5-6

**Iona** New Rochelle, NY

S. 11	Fairfield	21-42
S. 18	@LA SALLE	40-28
S. 25	Sacred Heart	24-3
O. 2	Georgetown	0-34
O. 9	@ST. PETER'S	36-0
O. 16	@SIENA	43-45
O. 23	Duquesne	14-37
O. 30	@CANISIUS	27-14
N. 13	Marist	9-45
N. 19	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)*	10-35

**Coach:** Fred Mariani **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Gaels **1998 Record:** 4-6

**Iowa** Iowa City, IA

S. 4	Nebraska	
S. 11	@IOWA STATE	9-27
S. 18	Northern Illinois	
O. 2	@MICHIGAN STATE	
O. 9	Penn State	
O. 16	@NORTHWESTERN	26-24
O. 23	Indiana	7-14
O. 30	@OHIO STATE	14-45
N. 6	Illinois	37-14
N. 13	@WISCONSIN	0-31
N. 20	Minnesota	7-49

**Coach:** Kirk Ferentz **Colors:** Gold & Black  
**Nickname:** Hawkeyes **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Iowa State** Ames, IA

S. 2	Indiana State	
S. 11	Iowa*	27-9
S. 18	@UNLV*	
S. 25	Kansas State	7-52
O. 9	@NEBRASKA	7-42
O. 16	@MISSOURI	19-35
O. 23	Colorado	8-37
O. 30	Texas	33-54
N. 6	@TEXAS TECH	24-31
N. 13	@OKLAHOMA	14-17
N. 20	@KANSAS	23-20

**Coach:** Dan McCarney **Colors:** Cardinal & Gold  
**Nickname:** Cyclones **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Jackson State** Jackson, MS

S. 4	Howard*	8-34
S. 11	@TENNESSEE STATE*	21-33
S. 18	Grambling*	68-35
S. 25	Mississippi Valley*	45-7
O. 9	Alabama State*	41-35
O. 16	Southern University*	28-33
O. 23	@ALABAMA A&M	
O. 30	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	41-34
N. 6	@TEXAS SOUTHERN*	57-32
N. 13	@NEW HAVEN	
N. 20	Alcorn State	56-26

**Coach:** James Carson **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 7-4

**Jacksonville** Jacksonville, FL

S. 4	@LENOIR-RHYNE	
S. 11	@DAVIDSON	19-14
S. 18	Chowan	29-7
S. 25	Mississippi College	14-35
O. 2	@AUSTIN PEAY	25-40
O. 16	Greensboro	35-14
O. 23	Clinch Valley	21-31
N. 6	Drake	
N. 13	@TUSCULUM	
N. 20	Charleston Southern	

**Coach:** Steve Gilbert **Colors:** Green & White  
**Nickname:** Dolphins **1998 Record:** 4-5

**Jacksonville State**

Jacksonville, AL		
S. 4	Alabama A&M	19-13
S. 25	Nicholls State	21-20
O. 2	@SAMFORD	21-0
O. 9	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	31-19
O. 16	McNeese State	14-30
O. 23	Southwest Texas State	33-27
O. 30	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	22-16
N. 6	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	36-53
N. 13	Georgia Southern	32-51
N. 20	@TROY STATE	7-31

**Coach:** Mike Williams **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Gamecocks **1998 Record:** 7-4

**James Madison** Harrisonburg, VA

S. 4	@VIRGINIA TECH	
S. 11	Northeastern	31-17
S. 18	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	
S. 25	Delaware	14-28
O. 2	@VILLANOVA	30-34
O. 16	@WILLIAM & MARY	12-24
O. 23	Connecticut	
O. 30	South Florida	
N. 6	@MAINE	34-28
N. 13	Richmond	7-28
N. 20	@HOUSTON	24-37

**Coach:** Mickey Matthews **Colors:** Purple & Gold  
**Nickname:** Dukes 1998 Record: 3-8

**Kansas** Lawrence, KS

A. 28	@NOTRE DAME	
S. 11	Cal State Northridge	
S. 18	@COLORADO	33-17
S. 25	San Diego State	
O. 2	Southern Methodist	
O. 9	@KANSAS STATE	6-54
O. 16	@TEXAS A&M	21-24
O. 23	Missouri	23-41
O. 30	Nebraska	0-41
N. 6	Baylor	24-31
N. 13	@OKLAHOMA STATE	28-38
N. 20	Iowa State	20-23

**Coach:** Terry Allen **Colors:** Crimson & Blue  
**Nickname:** Jayhawks 1998 Record: 4-7

**Kansas State** Manhattan, KS

S. 11	Temple	
S. 18	UTEP	
S. 25	@IOWA STATE	52-7
O. 2	@TEXAS	48-7
O. 9	Kansas	54-6
O. 16	Utah State	
O. 23	@OKLAHOMA STATE	52-20
O. 30	Baylor	49-6
N. 6	Colorado	16-9
N. 13	@NEBRASKA	40-30
N. 20	Missouri	31-25

**Coach:** Bill Snyder **Colors:** Purple & White  
**Nickname:** Wildcats 1998 Record: 11-1

**Kent** Kent, OH

S. 4	@CINCINNATI	
S. 11	Navy	24-38
S. 18	@PITTSBURGH	
S. 25	Bowling Green	21-42
O. 2	@OHIO	21-31
O. 9	@TOLEDO	
O. 16	Miami (OH)	0-56
O. 23	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O. 30	Buffalo	
N. 6	Marshall	7-42
N. 13	@AKRON	16-45

**Coach:** Dean Paes **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Flashes 1998 Record: 0-11

**Kentucky** Lexington, KY

S. 4	Louisville	68-34
S. 11	Connecticut	
S. 18	@INDIANA	31-27
S. 25	Florida	35-51
O. 2	Arkansas	20-27
O. 9	@SOUTH CAROLINA	33-28
O. 16	LSU	39-36
O. 23	@GEORGIA	26-28
N. 4	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	37-35
N. 13	@VANDERBILT	55-17
N. 20	Tennessee	21-59

**Coach:** Hal Mumme **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Wildcats 1998 Record: 7-4

**La Salle** Philadelphia, PA

S. 4	St. Francis (PA)	27-5
S. 11	@DUQUESNE	
S. 18	Iona	28-40
O. 2	@SIENA	
O. 9	Canisius	
O. 16	@MARIST	
O. 30	St. John's (NY)	
N. 6	St. Peter's	24-21 (OT)
N. 13	@FAIRFIELD	
N. 20	@GEORGETOWN	

**Coach:** Bill Manlove **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Explorers 1998 Record: 3-6

**Lafayette** Easton, PA

S. 11	@TOWSON STATE	27-7
S. 18	@HOLY CROSS	28-17
S. 25	@BROWN	21-23
O. 2	Dartmouth	10-13 (OT)
O. 9	Colgate	27-42
O. 16	@PRINCETON	0-28
O. 23	Bucknell	22-33
O. 30	Marist	
N. 6	Fordham	27-20
N. 13	Duquesne	
N. 20	@LEHIGH	7-31

**Coach:** Bill Russo **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Leopards 1998 Record: 3-8

**Lehigh** Bethlehem, PA

S. 11	@FORDHAM	31-6
S. 18	Monmouth (NJ)	
S. 25	@PRINCETON	31-24 (OT)
O. 2	Columbia	20-19
O. 9	@DARTMOUTH	
O. 16	@DELAWARE	
O. 23	Holy Cross	24-14
O. 30	Towson State	55-7
N. 6	@COLGATE	41-22
N. 13	@BUCKNELL	49-7
N. 20	Lafayette	31-7

**Coach:** Kevin Higgins **Colors:** Brown & White  
**Nickname:** Mountain Hawks 1998 Record: 12-1

**Liberty** Lynchburg, VA

S. 4	Virginia Union	
S. 11	@MARSHALL	
S. 18	@TENNESSEE TECH	
S. 25	Fayetteville State	
O. 2	Johnson C. Smith	
O. 9	@SOUTH FLORIDA	21-24
O. 16	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	
O. 23	@CHARLESTON SOUTH	28-21 (OT)
O. 30	@SAMPSON	
N. 6	Elon	14-36
N. 20	Appalachian State	19-28

**Coach:** Sam Rutigliano **Colors:** Red, White & Blue  
**Nickname:** Flames 1998 Record: 5-6

**Louisiana Tech** Ruston, LA

A. 28	@FLORIDA STATE	
S. 4	Texas A&M	7-28
S. 11	Sam Houston State	
S. 18	@ALABAMA	
O. 2	@SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	77-14
O. 16	Middle Tennessee State	
O. 23	@CENTRAL FLORIDA	30-64
O. 30	@TOLEDO	
N. 6	Northeast Louisiana	44-14
N. 13	@UAB	54-23
N. 26	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	

**Coach:** Jack Bicknell, Jr. **Colors:** Red & Blue  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs 1998 Record: 6-6

**Louisville** Louisville, KY

S. 4	@KENTUCKY	34-68
S. 11	Chattanooga	
S. 18	Illinois	35-9
S. 25	Oklahoma	
O. 2	Eastern Michigan	
O. 7	@ARMY	35-23
O. 16	@MEMPHIS	35-32
O. 23	Houston	
O. 30	UAB	
N. 6	@CINCINNATI	62-19
N. 20	Southern Mississippi	21-56

**Coach:** John L. Smith **Colors:** Red, White & Black  
**Nickname:** Cardinals 1998 Record: 7-4

**LSU** Baton Rouge, LA

S. 4	San Jose State	
S. 11	North Texas	
S. 18	Auburn	31-19
O. 2	@GEORGIA	27-28
O. 9	Florida	10-22
O. 16	@KENTUCKY	36-39
O. 23	Mississippi State	41-6
O. 30	Mississippi	31-37 (OT)
N. 6	@ALABAMA	16-22
N. 13	Houston	
N. 27	Arkansas	14-41

**Coach:** Gerry DiNardo **Colors:** Purple & Gold  
**Nickname:** Tigers 1998 Record: 4-7

**Maine** Orono, ME

S. 4	@COLGATE	
S. 11	Holstra	
S. 18	Richmond	10-35
S. 25	Connecticut	27-35
O. 2	McNeese State	
O. 16	Massachusetts	34-55
O. 23	@RHODE ISLAND	17-18
O. 30	@WILLIAM & MARY	
N. 6	James Madison	28-34
N. 13	@NORTHEASTERN	20-14
N. 20	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	52-28

**Coach:** Jack Cosgrove **Colors:** White & Blue  
**Nickname:** Black Bears 1998 Record: 6-5

**Marist** Poughkeepsie, NY

S. 11	St. Peter's	26-3
S. 18	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)	14-0
S. 25	Duquesne	27-39
O. 2	@CANISUS	60-0
O. 9	Georgetown	7-24
O. 16	La Salle	
O. 30	@LAFAYETTE	
N. 6	@FAIRFIELD	20-17
N. 13	@IONA	45-9
N. 20	Siena	40-14

**Coach:** Jim Parady **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Red Foxes 1998 Record: 7-3

**Marshall** Huntington, WV

S. 4	@CLEMSON	
S. 11	Liberty	
S. 18	Bowling Green	13-34
S. 25	Temple	
O. 2	@MIAMI (OH)	31-17
O. 16	Toledo	23-17
O. 23	@BUFFALO	
O. 30	Northern Illinois	
N. 6	@KENT	42-7
N. 13	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
N. 20	Ohio	30-23

**Coach:** Bob Pruett **Colors:** Green & White  
**Nickname:** Thundering Herd 1998 Record: 11-1

**Maryland** College Park, MD

S. 2	@TEMPLE	30-20
S. 11	Western Carolina	
S. 18	West Virginia	20-42
S. 30	@GEORGIA TECH	14-31
O. 9	@WAKE FOREST	10-20
O. 16	Clemson	0-23
O. 23	North Carolina	13-24
O. 30	Duke	42-25
N. 6	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	21-35
N. 13	@FLORIDA STATE	10-24
N. 20	Virginia	19-31

**Coach:** Ron Vanderlinden **Colors:** Red, Black & Gold  
**Nickname:** Terrapins 1998 Record: 3-8

**Massachusetts** Amherst, MA

S. 11	New Hampshire	27-26
S. 18	@VILLANOVA	36-26
S. 25	@TOLEDO	
O. 2	Holstra	40-35
O. 9	Northeastern	
O. 16	@MAINE	55-34
O. 23	@DELAWARE	30-33
O. 30	Rhode Island	23-13
N. 6	@RICHMOND	22-17
N. 13	@WILLIAM & MARY	
N. 20	Connecticut	27-28

**Coach:** Mark Whipple **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Minutemen 1998 Record: 12-3

**McNeese State** Lake Charles, LA

S. 4	Northern Iowa	20-17 (OT)
S. 18	Southern Utah	66-17
O. 2	@MAINE	
O. 9	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	20-17
O. 16	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	30-14
O. 23	Northwestern State	10-14
O. 30	Sam Houston State	35-13
N. 6	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	27-0
N. 13	Troy State	23-3
N. 20	@NICHOLLS STATE	30-31

**Coach:** Kirby Bruchhaus **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Cowboys 1998 Record: 9-3

**Memphis** Memphis, TN

S. 4	Mississippi	10-30
S. 11	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	6-14
S. 18	Arkansas State	35-19
S. 25	@TENNESSEE	
O. 2	Missouri	
O. 9	@UAB	
O. 16	Louisville	32-35
O. 30	@TULANE	31-41
N. 6	Southern Mississippi	3-45
N. 13	Army	
N. 20	@CINCINNATI	41-23

**Coach:** Rip Scherer **Colors:** Blue & Gray  
**Nickname:** Tigers 1998 Record: 2-9

**Miami (FL)** Coral Gables, FL

A. 29	Ohio State	
S. 4	Florida A&M	
S. 18	Penn State	
S. 25	@EAST CAROLINA	
O. 9	@FLORIDA STATE	14-26
O. 16	Temple	42-7
O. 23	@BOSTON COLLEGE	35-17
O. 30	West Virginia	34-31
N. 6	@PITTSBURGH	38-10
N. 13	@VIRGINIA TECH	20-27 (OT)
N. 20	Rutgers	53-17
N. 27	Syracuse	13-66

**Coach:** Butch Davis **Colors:** Orange, Green & White  
**Nickname:** Hurricanes 1998 Record: 8-3

**Miami (OH)** Oxford, OH

S. 4	@NORTHWESTERN	
S. 11	@WEST VIRGINIA	
S. 18	Eastern Michigan	
S. 25	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
O. 2	Marshall	17-31
O. 9	@BOWLING GREEN	24-12
O. 16	@KENT	56-0
O. 30	Cincinnati	41-0
N. 6	Akron	20-14
N. 13	@OHIO	35-21
N. 20	Buffalo	

**Coach:** Terry Hoegner **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Red Hawks 1998 Record: 10-1

**Michigan** Ann Arbor, MI

S. 4	Notre Dame	20-36
S. 11	Rice	
S. 18	@SYRACUSE	28-38
S. 25	@WISCONSIN	27-10
O. 2	Purdue	
O. 9	@MICHIGAN STATE	29-17
O. 23	Illinois	
O. 30	@INDIANA	21-10
N. 6	Northwestern	12-6
N. 13	@PENN STATE	27-0
N. 20	Ohio State	16-31

**Coach:** Lloyd Carr **Colors:** Maize & Blue  
**Nickname:** Wolverines 1998 Record: 9-3

**Michigan State** East Lansing, MI

S. 2	Oregon	14-48
S. 11	Eastern Michigan	
S. 18	@NOTRE DAME	45-23
S. 25	@ILLINOIS	41-9
O. 2	Iowa	
O. 9	Michigan	17-29
O. 16	@PURDUE	24-25
O. 23	@WISCONSIN	
N. 6	Ohio State	28-24
N. 13	@NORTHWESTERN	29-5
N. 20	Penn State	28-51

**Coach:** Nick Saban **Colors:** Green & White  
**Nickname:** Spartans 1998 Record: 6-6

**Middle Tenn. St.** Murfreesboro, TN

S. 4	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
S. 11	@ARIZONA	
S. 18	Wofford	
S. 25	@SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	
O. 2	Troy State	
O. 9	@ARKANSAS	
O. 16	@LOUISIANA TECH	
O. 30	@NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	
N. 6	Tennessee-Martin	47-33
N. 13	Central Florida	
N. 20	East Tennessee State	

**Coach:** Andy McCollum **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Blue Raiders 1998 Record: 5-5

## Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

S. 4	Ohio	W	
S. 11	Northwest Louisiana	W	
S. 18	Illinois State	W	8-3
O. 2	@NORTHWESTERN	W	
O. 9	Wisconsin	W	7-26
O. 16	@ILLINOIS	W	
O. 23	Ohio State	W	15-45
O. 30	Purdue	W	21-56
N. 6	@PENN STATE	W	17-27
N. 13	Indiana	W	19-20
N. 20	@IOWA	W	49-7

**Coach:** Glen Mason **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Gophers **1998 Record:** 5-6

## Mississippi Oxford, MS

S. 4	@MEMPHIS	W	1-1
S. 11	Arkansas State	W	30-17
S. 18	Vanderbilt	W	30-6
S. 25	@AUBURN	W	0-17
O. 2	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	30-28
O. 9	Tulane	W	
O. 16	Alabama	W	17-20 (OT)
O. 30	@LSU	W	37-31 (OT)
N. 6	Arkansas	W	0-34
N. 13	Georgia	W	17-24
N. 25	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	6-28

**Coach:** David Cutcliffe **Colors:** Cardinal Red & Navy Blue **Nickname:** Rebels **1998 Record:** 6-5

## Mississippi St. Mississippi State, MS

S. 4	Middle Tennessee State	W	
S. 11	Memphis	W	14-6
S. 18	Oklahoma State	W	23-42
S. 25	South Carolina	W	38-0
O. 2	@VANDERBILT	W	42-0
O. 9	@AUBURN	W	38-21
O. 23	@LSU	W	6-41
N. 4	Kentucky	W	35-37
N. 13	@ALABAMA	W	26-14
N. 20	@ARKANSAS	W	22-21
N. 25	Mississippi	W	28-6

**Coach:** Jackie Sherrill **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 8-4

## Mississippi Valley Itta Bena, MS

S. 4	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W	21-38
S. 11	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	
S. 18	Alabama A&M	W	12-20
S. 25	@JACKSON STATE	W	7-45
O. 2	Alabama State	W	13-41
O. 9	@GRAMBLING	W	13-21
O. 16	@ALBANY STATE (GA)	W	
O. 23	Texas Southern	W	19-38
O. 30	@PRAIRIE VIEW	W	38-6
N. 6	@ALCORN STATE	W	19-22
N. 13	Morris Brown	W	

**Coach:** Latra Jones **Colors:** Green & White  
**Nickname:** Delta Devils **1998 Record:** 1-9

## Missouri Columbia, MO

S. 4	UAB	W	4-7
S. 18	Western Michigan	W	
S. 25	Nebraska	W	13-20
O. 2	@MEMPHIS	W	
O. 9	@COLORADO	W	38-14
O. 16	Iowa State	W	35-19
O. 23	@KANSAS	W	41-23
O. 30	Texas Tech	W	28-26
N. 6	@OKLAHOMA	W	20-6
N. 13	Texas A&M	W	14-17
N. 20	@KANSAS STATE	W	25-31

**Coach:** Larry Smith **Colors:** Old Gold & Black  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 7-4

## Monmouth (NJ) West Long Branch, NJ

S. 4	@TOWSON STATE	W	20-42
S. 11	Albany (NY)	W	28-31
S. 18	@LEHIGH	W	
S. 25	@STONY BROOK	W	
O. 9	LIU-C.W. Post	W	22-27
O. 16	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W	33-14
O. 23	Robert Morris	W	27-26
O. 30	@SACRED HEART	W	57-7
N. 6	Wagner	W	48-20
N. 13	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	W	13-17

**Coach:** Kevin Callahan **Colors:** Royal Blue & White **Nickname:** Hawks **1998 Record:** 5-5

## Montana Missoula, MT

S. 4	South Dakota	W	
S. 11	Sacramento State	W	31-16
S. 25	Weber State	W	20-27
O. 2	@PORTLAND STATE	W	20-17
O. 9	Cal State Northridge	W	7-21
O. 16	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	W	33-20
O. 23	Eastern Washington	W	30-27
O. 30	@IDAHO STATE	W	40-13
N. 6	@CAL POLY	W	37-14
N. 13	Idaho	W	
N. 20	@MONTANA STATE	W	28-21

**Coach:** Mick Dennehy **Colors:** Copper, Silver & Gold **Nickname:** Grizzlies **1998 Record:** 8-4

## Montana State Bozeman, MT

S. 4	Chadron State	W	
S. 11	Western New Mexico	W	
S. 18	@CAL POLY	W	
S. 25	@SACRAMENTO STATE	W	37-30
O. 9	Weber State	W	10-7
O. 16	@PORTLAND STATE	W	31-34
O. 23	Cal State Northridge	W	32-26
O. 30	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	W	32-25
N. 6	Eastern Washington	W	24-31
N. 13	@IDAHO STATE	W	66-35
N. 20	Montana	W	21-28

**Coach:** Cliff Hysell **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Bobcats **1998 Record:** 7-4

## Morgan State Baltimore, MD

S. 4	@BUCKNELL	W	2-9
S. 11	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	20-25
S. 18	South Carolina State	W	0-21
S. 25	@RHODE ISLAND	W	
O. 2	@FLORIDA A&M	W	32-59
O. 9	Towson State	W	10-15
O. 16	North Carolina A&T	W	16-19
O. 23	@DELAWARE STATE	W	15-13
O. 30	@NORFOLK STATE	W	43-46 (OT)
N. 6	Howard	W	3-69
N. 13	Hampton	W	0-55

**Coach:** Stanley Mitchell **Colors:** Orange & Blue  
**Nickname:** Bears **1998 Record:** 1-10

## Murray State Murray, KY

S. 4	@WISCONSIN	W	1-4
S. 11	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W	41-13
S. 18	Southwest Missouri State	W	26-14
O. 2	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	W	36-31
O. 9	Tennessee-Martin	W	47-35
O. 16	Eastern Illinois	W	35-21
O. 23	Samford	W	
O. 30	@TENNESSEE TECH	W	23-3
N. 6	Eastern Kentucky	W	28-21
N. 13	@TENNESSEE STATE	W	44-46
N. 20	Kentucky Wesleyan	W	

**Coach:** Denver Johnson **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Racers **1998 Record:** 7-4

## Navy Annapolis, MD

S. 4	Georgia Tech	W	
S. 11	@KENT	W	38-24
S. 18	Boston College	W	32-31
S. 25	@RICE	W	
O. 2	@WEST VIRGINIA	W	24-45
O. 9	Air Force	W	7-49
O. 23	Akron	W	
O. 30	@NOTRE DAME	W	0-30
N. 6	@RUTGERS	W	33-36
N. 13	Tulane	W	24-42
N. 20	@HAWAII	W	
D. 4	Army	W	30-34

**Coach:** Charlie Weatherbie **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold **Nickname:** Midshipmen **1998 Record:** 3-8

## Nebraska Lincoln, NE

S. 4	@IOWA	W	10-1
S. 11	California	W	24-3
S. 18	Southern Mississippi	W	
S. 25	@MISSOURI	W	20-13
O. 2	Oklahoma State	W	24-17
O. 9	Iowa State	W	42-7
O. 23	@TEXAS	W	16-20
O. 30	@KANSAS	W	41-0
N. 6	Texas A&M	W	21-28
N. 13	Kansas State	W	30-40
N. 26	@COLORADO	W	16-14

**Coach:** Frank Solich **Colors:** Scarlet & Cream  
**Nickname:** Cornhuskers **1998 Record:** 9-3

## Nevada Reno, NV

S. 4	Oregon State	W	38
S. 11	@COLORADO STATE	W	14-26
S. 18	@OREGON	W	
S. 25	Fresno State	W	27-24
O. 2	UNLV	W	31-20
O. 9	@NEW MEXICO STATE	W	45-48
O. 23	@BOISE STATE	W	52-24
O. 30	North Texas	W	21-27
N. 6	Idaho	W	58-23
N. 13	@ARKANSAS STATE	W	
N. 20	Utah State	W	26-21

**Coach:** Jeff Tisdell **Colors:** Royal Blue & Silver  
**Nickname:** Wolf Pack **1998 Record:** 6-5

## New Hampshire Durham, NH

S. 4	@RHODE ISLAND	W	9-7
S. 11	@MASSACHUSETTS	W	26-27
S. 18	James Madison	W	
S. 25	@RICHMOND	W	13-22
O. 2	Stephen F. Austin	W	
O. 16	@NORTHEASTERN	W	3-10
O. 23	@SOUTH FLORIDA	W	
O. 30	Villanova	W	
N. 6	Delaware	W	7-31
N. 13	@CONNECTICUT	W	34-20
N. 20	Maine	W	28-52

**Coach:** Sean McDonnell **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Wildcats **1998 Record:** 4-7

## New Mexico Albuquerque, NM

S. 4	@UTEP	W	19-22
S. 11	New Mexico State	W	27-28
S. 18	Northern Arizona	W	
S. 25	@BOISE STATE	W	
O. 9	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W	33-36 (OT)
O. 16	Brigham Young	W	21-46
O. 30	UNLV	W	5-6
N. 6	Colorado State	W	
N. 13	@UTAH	W	7-41
N. 20	@WYOMING	W	
N. 27	Air Force	W	14-56

**Coach:** Rocky Long **Colors:** Cherry & Silver  
**Nickname:** Lobos **1998 Record:** 3-9

## New Mexico St. Las Cruces, NM

S. 2	New Mexico Highlands	W	
S. 11	@NEW MEXICO	W	5-8
S. 18	@ARIZONA STATE	W	
S. 25	@UTEP	W	33-24
O. 2	@COLORADO STATE	W	28-47
O. 9	Nevada	W	48-45
O. 23	@ARMY	W	
O. 30	Idaho	W	32-36
N. 6	@UTAH STATE	W	26-29 (OT)
N. 13	@BOISE STATE	W	51-55
N. 20	North Texas	W	11-19

**Coach:** Tony Samuel **Colors:** Crimson & White  
**Nickname:** Aggies **1998 Record:** 3-8

## Nicholls State Thibodaux, LA

S. 4	@NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	W	10-44
S. 18	Western Illinois	W	
S. 25	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	W	20-21
O. 2	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	W	26-28
O. 9	Southwest Texas State	W	27-28
O. 16	@CENTRAL FLORIDA	W	
O. 23	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W	14-7
O. 30	Troy State	W	10-31
N. 6	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	W	36-33
N. 13	Samford	W	16-17
N. 20	McNeese State	W	31-30

**Coach:** Daryl Daye **Colors:** Cardinal, Gray & Royal **Nickname:** Colonels **1998 Record:** 4-7

## Norfolk State Norfolk, VA

S. 4	Virginia State	W	22-30
S. 11	@FLORIDA A&M	W	14-84
S. 18	@DELAWARE STATE	W	38-26
O. 2	North Carolina A&T	W	20-34
O. 9	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W	26-43
O. 16	Hampton	W	14-59
O. 23	@VIRGINIA UNION	W	8-17
O. 30	Howard	W	20-54
N. 6	Morgan State	W	46-43 (OT)
N. 13	Bethune-Cookman	W	38-59
N. 20	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	

**Coach:** Maurice Forte **Colors:** Green & Gold  
**Nickname:** Spartans **1998 Record:** 2-9

## North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

S. 4	Virginia	W	13-30
S. 11	@INDIANA	W	3-8
S. 25	Florida State	W	13-39
O. 2	@CLEMSON	W	21-14
O. 9	@GEORGIA TECH	W	21-43
O. 16	Houston	W	
O. 23	@MARYLAND	W	24-13
O. 30	Furman	W	
N. 6	Wake Forest	W	38-31
N. 11	@NORTH CAROLINA ST.	W	37-34 (OT)
N. 20	Duke	W	28-6

**Coach:** Carl Torbush **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Tar Heels **1998 Record:** 6-5

## North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NC

S. 5	@NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	W	40-10
S. 11	@WINSTON-SALEM	W	20-12
S. 25	@ELON	W	
O. 2	@NORFOLK STATE	W	34-20
O. 9	Hampton	W	10-23
O. 16	@MORGAN STATE	W	19-16
O. 23	Howard	W	17-6
O. 30	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	27-34 (OT)
N. 6	Delaware State	W	47-15
N. 13	Florida A&M	W	12-51
N. 20	South Carolina State	W	14-6

**Coach:** Bill Hayes **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Aggies **1998 Record:** 8-3

## North Carolina St. Raleigh, NC

S. 4	@TEXAS	W	6-6
S. 4	South Carolina	W	
S. 11	William & Mary	W	
S. 18	@FLORIDA STATE	W	24-7
S. 25	@WAKE FOREST	W	38-27
O. 9	Clemson	W	46-39
O. 16	Virginia	W	13-23
O. 23	@DUKE	W	27-24
O. 30	@GEORGIA TECH	W	24-47
N. 6	Maryland	W	35-21
N. 11	North Carolina	W	34-37 (OT)
N. 20	@EAST CAROLINA	W	

**Coach:** Mike O'Carroll **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Wolfpack **1998 Record:** 7-4

## North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NC

Nickname: Wolfpack 1998 Record: 7-4			
North Texas Denton, TX			
S. 2	UNLV*	W	29
S. 11	@LSU*	W	
S. 18	@TEXAS TECH*	W	0-30
O. 2	@BAYLOR*	W	
O. 9	@IDAHO*	W	23-41
O. 16	Boise State	W	21-13
O. 23	Arkansas State	W	
O. 30	@NEVADA	W	27-21

### Northern Arizona Flagstaff, AZ

S. 4	Cal Poly	9-0
S. 18	@NEW MEXICO*	
S. 25	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE*	38-16
O. 2	Eastern Washington	17-21
O. 9	@IDAHO STATE	30-7
O. 16	Montana	20-33
O. 23	@SACRAMENTO STATE	21-38
O. 30	Montana State*	25-32
N. 6	@WEBER STATE	20-17
N. 13	Portland State*	23-13
N. 20	@CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	10-41

**Coach:** Jerome Souers **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Lumberjacks **1998 Record:** 6-5

### Northern Illinois De Kalb, IL

S. 2	Western Illinois	W
S. 11	@VANDERBILT	
S. 18	@IOWA	
S. 25	Western Michigan	23-37
O. 2	@BUFFALO*	
O. 9	Ball State	13-18
O. 16	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	16-6
O. 23	Kent	W
O. 30	@MARSHALL	
N. 13	@TOLEDO	3-16
N. 20	Eastern Michigan	26-14

**Coach:** Joe Novak **Colors:** Cardinal & Black  
**Nickname:** Huskies **1998 Record:** 2-9

### Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, IA

S. 4	@MCNEESE STATE*	17-20 (OT)
S. 11	@OHIO	
S. 25	Southern Illinois	20-27
O. 2	@ILLINOIS STATE	23-38
O. 9	Cal Poly	31-7
O. 16	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.	21-24
O. 23	Youngstown State*	42-14
O. 30	Indiana State	31-28
N. 13	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	10-6
N. 20	Southwest State*	

**Coach:** Mike Dunbar **Colors:** Purple & Old Gold  
**Nickname:** Panthers **1998 Record:** 7-4

### Northwestern Evanston, IL

S. 4	Miami (OH)	
S. 11	Texas Christian	
S. 18	@DUKE	10-44
S. 25	@PURDUE	21-56
O. 2	Minnesota	
O. 9	@INDIANA	
O. 16	Iowa	24-26
O. 30	Wisconsin	7-38
N. 6	@MICHIGAN	6-12
N. 13	Michigan State	5-29
N. 20	@ILLINOIS	10-13

**Coach:** Randy Walker **Colors:** Purple & White  
**Nickname:** Wildcats **1998 Record:** 3-9

### Northwestern St. Natchitoches, LA

S. 4	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	28-7
S. 11	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	
S. 18	Tarleton State	
S. 25	@NORTHEAST LOUISIANA*	
O. 2	Nicholls State	28-26
O. 9	@TROY STATE	13-14
O. 23	@MCNEESE STATE*	14-10
O. 30	Southwest Texas State	34-10
N. 6	Jacksonville State	53-36
N. 13	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	59-3
N. 20	Stephen F. Austin	35-21

**Coach:** Sam Godwin **Colors:** Purple & White  
**Nickname:** Demons **1998 Record:** 11-3

### Notre Dame South Bend, IN

A. 28	Kansas	W
S. 4	@MICHIGAN	36-20
S. 11	@PURDUE	31-30
S. 18	Michigan State	23-45
O. 2	Oklahoma	W
O. 9	Arizona State	28-9
O. 16	Southern California	0-10
O. 30	Navy	30-0
N. 6	@TENNESSEE	
N. 13	@PITTSBURGH	
N. 20	Boston College	31-26
N. 27	@STANFORD	35-17

**Coach:** Bob Davie **Colors:** Gold & Blue  
**Nickname:** Fighting Irish **1998 Record:** 9-2

### Ohio Athens, OH

S. 4	@MINNESOTA	
S. 11	Northern Iowa	
S. 18	@OHIO STATE	
S. 25	Buffalo	W
O. 2	Kent	31-21
O. 9	@AKRON	28-14
O. 16	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	49-21
O. 23	Bowling Green	7-35
O. 30	@BALL STATE	
N. 13	Miami (OH)	21-35
N. 20	@MARSHALL	23-30

**Coach:** Jim Grobe **Colors:** Green & White  
**Nickname:** Bobcats **1998 Record:** 5-6

### Ohio State Columbus, OH

A. 29	@MIAMI (FL)	
S. 11	UCLA	
S. 18	Ohio	W
S. 25	Cincinnati	W
O. 2	Wisconsin	W
O. 9	Purdue	W
O. 16	@PENN STATE	28-9
O. 23	@MINNESOTA	45-15
O. 30	Iowa	45-14
N. 6	@MICHIGAN STATE	24-28
N. 13	Illinois	41-0
N. 20	@MICHIGAN	31-16

**Coach:** John Cooper **Colors:** Scarlet & Gray  
**Nickname:** Buckeyes **1998 Record:** 10-1

### Oklahoma Norman, OK

S. 11	Indiana State	W
S. 18	Baylor*	28-16
S. 25	@LOUISVILLE	
O. 2	@NOTRE DAME	
O. 9	Texas	3-34
O. 23	Texas A&M	0-29
O. 30	@COLORADO	25-27
N. 6	Missouri	6-20
N. 13	Iowa State	17-14
N. 20	@TEXAS TECH	20-17
N. 26	Oklahoma State	26-41

**Coach:** Bob Stoops **Colors:** Crimson & Cream  
**Nickname:** Sooners **1998 Record:** 5-6

### Oklahoma State Stillwater, OK

S. 4	Southwestern Louisiana	44-20
S. 11	Tulsa	20-35
S. 18	@MISSISSIPPI STATE*	42-23
O. 2	@NEBRASKA	17-24
O. 9	Texas Tech	17-24
O. 23	Kansas State	20-52
O. 30	Texas A&M	6-17
N. 6	Texas	34-37
N. 13	Kansas	38-28
N. 20	@BAYLOR	24-10
N. 26	@OKLAHOMA	41-26

**Coach:** Bob Simmons **Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Nickname:** Cowboys **1998 Record:** 5-6

### Oregon Eugene, OR

S. 2	@MICHIGAN STATE	48-14
S. 11	UTEP	33-26
S. 18	Nevada	W
S. 25	Southern California	17-13
O. 2	@WASHINGTON	27-22
O. 9	@UCLA	38-41 (OT)
O. 23	@ARIZONA*	3-38
O. 30	Arizona State	51-19
N. 6	Washington State	51-29
N. 13	@CALIFORNIA	
N. 20	Oregon State	41-44 (OT)

**Coach:** Mike Bellotti **Colors:** Emerald Green & Yellow  
**Nickname:** Ducks **1998 Record:** 8-3

### Oregon State Corvallis, OR

S. 4	@NEVADA	48-6
S. 11	Fresno State	
S. 18	Georgia Southern	W
O. 2	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	20-40
O. 9	Washington	34-35
O. 16	@STANFORD	30-23
O. 23	UCLA	34-41
O. 30	@WASHINGTON STATE	
N. 6	California	19-20
N. 13	Arizona	7-28
N. 20	@OREGON	44-41 (OT)

**Coach:** Dennis Erickson **Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Nickname:** Beavers **1998 Record:** 5-6

### Penn State State College, PA

A. 28	Arizona	W
S. 4	Akron	W
S. 11	Pittsburgh	20-13
S. 18	@MIAMI (FL)	
S. 25	Indiana	W
O. 9	@IOWA	
O. 16	Ohio State	9-28
O. 23	@PURDUE	31-13
O. 30	@ILLINOIS	27-0
N. 6	Minnesota	27-17
N. 13	Michigan	0-27
N. 20	@MICHIGAN STATE	51-28

**Coach:** Joe Paterno **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Nittany Lions **1998 Record:** 8-3

### Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

S. 18	Dartmouth	17-14
S. 25	Villanova	
O. 2	Bucknell	20-10
O. 9	Fordham	34-31
O. 16	@COLUMBIA	20-0
O. 23	Brown	51-58
O. 30	@YALE	34-21
N. 6	Princeton	27-14
N. 13	@HARVARD	
N. 20	Cornell	35-21

**Coach:** Al Bagnoli **Colors:** Red & Blue  
**Nickname:** Quakers **1998 Record:** 7-2

### Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA

S. 4	@BOWLING GREEN	W
S. 11	@PENN STATE	13-20
S. 18	Kent	W
O. 2	Temple	33-34
O. 7	Syracuse*	28-45
O. 16	@BOSTON COLLEGE	15-23
O. 23	@RUTGERS	21-25
O. 30	Virginia Tech	7-27
N. 6	Miami (FL)	10-38
N. 13	Notre Dame	W
N. 27	@WEST VIRGINIA	14-52

**Coach:** Walt Harris **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Panthers **1998 Record:** 2-9

### Portland State Portland, OR

S. 4	@FRESNO STATE*	
S. 11	Western Washington*	
S. 18	Eastern Washington*	30-27 (OT)
S. 25	@IDAHO STATE*	41-43
O. 2	Montana*	17-20
O. 9	@SACRAMENTO STATE	58-31
O. 16	Montana State*	34-31
O. 23	@WEBER STATE	34-27
O. 30	@CAL POLY	41-34
N. 6	Cal State Northridge*	28-32
N. 13	@NORTHERN ARIZONA*	13-23

**Coach:** Tim Walsh **Colors:** Forest Green & White  
**Nickname:** Vikings **1998 Record:** 5-6

### Prairie View Prairie View, TX

S. 4	@TEXAS SOUTHERN*	13-24
S. 11	Howard Payne*	14-22
S. 18	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY*	7-37
S. 25	@ALABAMA A&M*	
O. 2	@GRAMBLING*	40-55
O. 9	@ALCORN STATE	36-45
O. 23	Panhandle A&M	13-16
O. 30	Mississippi Valley	6-38
N. 6	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0-30
N. 13	@ALABAMA STATE	20-30

**Coach:** Greg Johnson **Colors:** Purple & Gold  
**Nickname:** Panthers **1998 Record:** 1-10

### Princeton Princeton, NJ

S. 18	Cornell	6-0
S. 25	Lehigh	24-31 (OT)
O. 2	Fordham	17-20 (OT)
O. 9	@BROWN	31-17
O. 16	Lafayette	28-0
O. 23	@HARVARD	22-23
O. 30	Columbia	20-0
N. 6	@PENNSYLVANIA	14-27
N. 13	Yale	28-31
N. 20	@DARTMOUTH	35-13

**Coach:** Steve Tosches **Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 5-5

### Purdue West Lafayette, IN

S. 4	@CENTRAL FLORIDA	35-7
S. 11	Notre Dame	30-31
S. 18	Central Michigan	W
S. 25	Northwestern	56-21
O. 2	@MICHIGAN	
O. 9	@OHIO STATE	
O. 16	Michigan State	25-24
O. 23	Penn State	13-31
O. 30	@MINNESOTA	56-21
N. 6	Wisconsin	24-31
N. 20	@INDIANA	52-7

**Coach:** Joe Tiller **Colors:** Old Gold & Black  
**Nickname:** Boilermakers **1998 Record:** 8-4

### Rhode Island Kingston, RI

S. 4	New Hampshire	7-9
S. 18	Hofstra	30-48
S. 25	Morgan State	
O. 2	@CONNECTICUT	17-31
O. 9	@RICHMOND	17-20 (OT)
O. 16	@BROWN	44-16
O. 23	Maine	18-17
O. 30	@MASSACHUSETTS	13-23
N. 6	William & Mary	13-21
N. 13	@DELAWARE	
N. 20	Northeastern	17-24

**Coach:** Floyd Keith **Colors:** Columbia Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Rams **1998 Record:** 3-8

### Rice Houston, TX

S. 4	@HOUSTON*	
S. 11	@MICHIGAN	
S. 18	@TEXAS	21-59
S. 25	Navy*	
O. 2	@TULSA*	14-10
O. 9	@HAWAII*	
O. 16	San Jose State	17-20
O. 23	Texas Christian	14-12
O. 30	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	17 (OT)
N. 6	@FRESNO STATE	
N. 13	UTEP	

**Coach:** Ken Hatfield **Colors:** Blue & Gray  
**Nickname:** Owls **1998 Record:** 5-6

### Richmond Richmond, VA

S. 4	Virginia Military	W
S. 11	Villanova	28-14
S. 18	@MAINE	35-10
S. 25	New Hampshire	22-13
O. 2	@DELAWARE	45-6
O. 9	Rhode Island	20-17 (OT)
O. 16	@HOFSTRA	
O. 30	@CONNECTICUT	
N. 6	Massachusetts	17-22
N. 13	@JAMES MADISON	28-7
N. 20	William & Mary	42-17

**Coach:** Jim Reid **Colors:** Red & Blue  
**Nickname:** Spiders **1998 Record:** 9-3

### Robert Morris Moon Township, PA

S. 11	Dayton	22-31
S. 18	@VALPARAISO	17-19
S. 25	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	42-17
O. 23	@MONMOUTH (NJ)	26-27
N. 6	St. Francis (PA)	35-3

**Coach:** Joe Walton **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Colonials **1998 Record:** 4-6

### Rutgers Piscataway, NJ

S. 4	@CALIFORNIA	
S. 11	Texas	1-10
S. 25	Boston College	14-41
O. 2	@WAKE FOREST	
O. 9	Virginia Tech	7-47
O. 16	@WEST VIRGINIA	14-28
O. 23	Pittsburgh	25-21
O. 30	@TEMPLE	21-10
N. 6	Navy	36-33
N. 13	Syracuse	14-70
N. 20	@MIAMI (FL)	17-53

**Coach:** Terry Shea **Colors:** Scarlet  
**Nickname:** Scarlet Knights **1998 Record:** 5-6

**Sacramento St.** Sacramento, CA

S. 4	St. Mary's (CA)*	25-12
S. 11	@MONTANA	16-31
S. 18	California-Davis*	17-35
S. 25	Montana State*	30-37
O. 2	@WEBER STATE*	14-27
O. 9	Portland State	31-58
O. 16	@CAL STATE NORTHRIIDGE	35-21
O. 23	Northern Arizona	38-21
O. 30	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	25-31
N. 6	Idaho State	36-13
N. 20	@CAL POLY	22-14

**Coach:** Mike Clemens **Colors:** Green & Gold  
**Nickname:** Hornets **1998 Record:** 5-6

**Sacred Heart** Fairfield, CT

S. 11	Siena	9-27
S. 25	@IONA	3-24
O. 2	St. Francis (PA)	10-7
O. 23	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	31-38
O. 30	Monmouth (NJ)	7-57

**Colors:** Red & White **Nickname:** Pioneers  
**1998 Record:** 2-8

**Sam Houston St.** Huntsville, TX

S. 2	Delta State	
S. 11	@LOUISIANA TECH*	
S. 25	@TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE	10-16
O. 2	@ARKANSAS STATE*	
O. 9	Jacksonville State	19-31
O. 16	Stephen F. Austin	7-38
O. 23	@TROY STATE	14-17
O. 30	@MCNEESE STATE*	13-35
N. 6	Nicholls State*	33-36
N. 13	Northwestern State	3-59
N. 20	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	31-24

**Coach:** Ron Randleman **Colors:** Orange & White  
**Nickname:** Bearkats **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Samford** Birmingham, AL

S. 2	Chattanooga*	13-23
S. 11	@AUSTIN PEAY*	47-7
S. 18	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN*	24-13
S. 25	Eastern Kentucky	
O. 2	Jacksonville State	0-21
O. 16	Elon	0-36
O. 23	@MURRAY STATE	
O. 30	Liberty	
N. 6	@WESTERN CAROLINA	
N. 13	@NICHOLLS STATE	17-16
N. 20	Tennessee Tech	22-12

**Coach:** Pete Hurt **Colors:** Crimson & Blue  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 6-5

**San Diego** San Diego, CA

S. 4	@AZUSA PACIFIC	7-14
S. 11	Whittier*	
S. 18	Cal Lutheran*	13-26
O. 2	Yale*	
O. 9	@DAYTON*	27-35
O. 16	Butler*	27-29
O. 23	@VALPARAISO	7-31
O. 30	Drake	13-37
N. 6	Stony Brook*	
N. 13	Wagner	42-30

**Coach:** Kevin McGarry **Colors:** Columbia Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Toreros **1998 Record:** 2-8

**San Diego State** San Diego, CA

S. 4	South Florida*	
S. 11	@ILLINOIS	
S. 18	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	6-35
S. 25	@KANSAS*	
O. 2	Air Force*	
O. 9	New Mexico*	36-33 (OT)
O. 16	@COLORADO STATE*	
O. 23	@UTAH*	21-20 (OT)
O. 30	Brigham Young*	0-13
N. 20	@UNLV	
N. 27	Wyoming*	

**Coach:** Ted Tollner **Colors:** Scarlet & Black  
**Nickname:** Aztecs **1998 Record:** 7-4

**San Jose State** San Jose, CA

S. 4	@LSU*	
S. 11	@COLORADO	
S. 18	St. Mary's (CA)*	
S. 25	Tulsa*	
O. 2	@STANFORD*	35-23
O. 9	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	
O. 16	@RICE	20-17
O. 23	Southern Methodist*	
O. 30	@UTEP*	21-28
N. 6	Hawaii	45-17
N. 20	@FRESNO STATE	21-24

**Coach:** Dave Baldwin **Colors:** Gold, Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Spartans **1998 Record:** 4-8

**Siena** Loudonville, NY

S. 11	@SACRED HEART	27-9
S. 18	@GEORGETOWN	14-42
S. 25	St. Peter's*	12-7
O. 2	La Salle	
O. 9	@FAIRFIELD	0-38
O. 16	Iona	45-43
O. 23	Canisius	7-22
O. 30	@DUQUESNE	7-33
N. 13	St. John's (NY)	0-13
N. 20	@MARIST	14-40

**Coach:** Chris Phelps **Colors:** Green & Gold  
**Nickname:** Saints **1998 Record:** 4-6

**South Carolina** Columbia, SC

S. 4	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	
S. 11	@GEORGIA	3-17
S. 18	East Carolina	
S. 25	@MISSISSIPPI STATE*	0-38
O. 2	Mississippi*	28-30
O. 9	Kentucky	28-33
O. 16	@ARKANSAS*	28-41
O. 23	Vanderbilt	14-17
O. 30	@TENNESSEE	14-49
N. 13	Florida	14-33
N. 20	Clemson	19-28
^	At Little Rock, AR	

**Coach:** Lou Holtz **Colors:** Garnet & Black  
**Nickname:** Gamecocks **1998 Record:** 1-10

**South Carolina St.** Orangeburg, SC

S. 4	Charleston Southern*	17-7
S. 18	@MORGAN STATE	21-0
S. 25	@FLORIDA A&M*	14-37
O. 2	@CITADEL	
O. 9	Norfolk State	43-26
O. 16	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN*	17-28
O. 30	@HAMPTON	7-20
N. 6	@HOWARD	31-32
N. 13	Delaware State	31-14
N. 20	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T*	6-14
^	At Jacksonville, FL	
#	At Charlotte, NC	

**Coach:** Willie E. Jeffries **Colors:** Garnet & Blue  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 5-6

**South Florida** Tampa, FL

S. 4	@SAN DIEGO STATE*	
S. 11	Southwest Texas State*	
S. 18	@WESTERN KENTUCKY*	24-31
S. 25	@TROY STATE*	
O. 2	Southern Illinois*	
O. 9	Liberty*	24-21
O. 16	Illinois State*	
O. 23	New Hampshire*	
O. 30	@JAMES MADISON	
N. 6	New Haven*	
N. 13	Hofstra*	30-50

**Coach:** Jim Leavitt **Colors:** Green & Gold  
**Nickname:** Bulls **1998 Record:** 8-3

**S.E. Missouri St.** Cape Girardeau, MO

S. 2	Southern Illinois*	7-34
S. 11	@ILLINOIS STATE*	
S. 18	@MURRAY STATE	14-26
S. 25	@WESTERN KENTUCKY*	
O. 2	Eastern Kentucky*	7-19
O. 9	Tennessee Tech	29-24
O. 16	@INDIANA STATE*	14-21
O. 23	Southwest Missouri State	10-45
O. 30	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	41-14
N. 6	Eastern Illinois	33-35
N. 20	Tennessee State	7-38

**Coach:** John Mumford **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Indians **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Southern California** Los Angeles, CA

S. 4	@HAWAII	
S. 18	San Diego State	35-6
S. 25	@OREGON	13-17
O. 2	Oregon State	40-20
O. 9	@ARIZONA*	
O. 16	@NOTRE DAME	10-0
O. 23	Stanford	34-9
O. 30	@CALIFORNIA	31-32
N. 6	Arizona State	35-24
N. 13	@WASHINGTON STATE*	42-14
N. 20	UCLA	17-34
N. 26	Louisiana Tech	

**Coach:** Paul Hackett **Colors:** Cardinal & Gold  
**Nickname:** Trojans **1998 Record:** 8-4

**Southern Illinois** Carbondale, IL

S. 2	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE*	34-7
S. 11	Murray State	13-41
S. 18	@EASTERN ILLINOIS*	
S. 25	@NORTH IOWA*	27-20
O. 2	@SOUTH FLORIDA*	
O. 9	Youngstown State	21-34
O. 16	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	3-13
O. 23	Illinois State	38-41 (OT)
O. 30	Southwest Missouri State	13-28
N. 6	@INDIANA STATE	21-27
N. 20	Western Kentucky	28-48

**Coach:** Jan Quarless **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Salukis **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Southern Methodist** Dallas, TX

S. 4	Arkansas	17-44
S. 11	@TULANE*	21-31
S. 25	Hawaii	28-0
O. 2	@KANSAS	
O. 9	@UTEP*	
O. 16	Fresno State	
O. 23	@SAN JOSE STATE*	
O. 30	Rice	17-23 (OT)
N. 6	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	10-6
N. 13	Cal State Northridge	
N. 20	@TULSA	33-3

**Coach:** Mike Cavan **Colors:** Red & Blue  
**Nickname:** Mustangs **1998 Record:** 5-7

**Southern Miss.** Hattiesburg, MS

S. 6	Tulane	7-21
S. 11	Northwestern State	
S. 18	@NEBRASKA	
S. 25	@TEXAS A&M*	6-24
O. 9	@EAST CAROLINA	41-7
O. 16	Army	37-13
O. 23	Cincinnati	
O. 30	@ALABAMA	20-30
N. 6	@MEMPHIS	45-3
N. 13	Southwestern Louisiana	55-0
N. 20	@LOUISVILLE	56-21

**Coach:** Jeff Bower **Colors:** Black & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Eagles **1998 Record:** 7-4

**Southern** Baton Rouge, LA

S. 4	Northwestern State	7-28
S. 11	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	17-14
S. 18	Prairie View*	37-7
S. 25	Alabama State*	34-27
O. 2	Hampton*	
O. 16	@JACKSON STATE*	33-28
O. 23	Alcorn State*	29-28
N. 6	@FLORIDA A&M	48-50
N. 13	@TEXAS SOUTHERN*	20-14
N. 27	Grambling*	
^	At Indianapolis, IN	
#	At New Orleans, LA	

**Coach:** Pete Richardson **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Jaguars **1998 Record:** 7-3

**Southern Utah** Cedar City, UT

A. 28	Western Montana*	
S. 4	Fort Lewis*	37-6
S. 11	@BOISE STATE	
S. 18	@MCNEESE STATE*	17-66
S. 25	Montana Tech*	
O. 2	@CAL POLY*	27-17
O. 9	California-Davis	28-35
O. 16	@WEBER STATE*	
O. 23	Idaho State	33-50
N. 6	@ST. MARY'S (CA)	49-0

**Coach:** Rich Ellerson **Colors:** Scarlet & Blue  
**Nickname:** Thunderbirds **1998 Record:** 5-6

**S.E. Missouri St.** Springfield, MO

S. 4	@TULSA*	14-49
S. 11	Texas Southern*	
S. 18	Henderson State*	
S. 25	Illinois State*	49-42
O. 2	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	13-20
O. 16	Northern Iowa	24-21
O. 23	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.	45-10
O. 30	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	28-13
N. 6	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	17-24
N. 13	Tennessee-Martin	
N. 20	Indiana State	14-24

**Coach:** Randy Ball **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Bears **1998 Record:** 5-6

**S.W. Texas St.** San Marcos, TX

S. 2	Midwestern State	
S. 11	@SOUTH FLORIDA*	
S. 25	Northern Arizona*	16-38
O. 9	@NICHOLLS STATE	28-27
O. 16	Troy State	17-20
O. 23	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	27-33
O. 30	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	10-34
N. 6	McNeese State	0-27
N. 13	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	14-7
N. 20	Sam Houston State	24-31

**Coach:** Bob DeBesse **Colors:** Maroon & Gold  
**Nickname:** Bobcats **1998 Record:** 4-7

**S.W. Louisiana** Lafayette, LA

S. 4	@OKLAHOMA STATE*	20-44
S. 11	Texas Tech*	
S. 18	@HOUSTON*	
S. 25	Middle Tennessee State*	
O. 2	Louisiana Tech*	14-77
O. 9	@WASHINGTON STATE	
O. 16	@TULANE	20-72
O. 23	Northeast Louisiana	24-34
O. 30	@ARKANSAS STATE	21-19
N. 13	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	0-55
N. 20	Wofford	

**Coach:** Jerry Baldwin **Colors:** Vermillion & White  
**Nickname:** Ragin' Cajuns **1998 Record:** 2-9

**St. Francis (PA)** Loretto, PA

S. 4	@LA SALLE	5-27
S. 11	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)	
S. 18	Butler*	0-13
S. 25	@WAGNER*	14-45
O. 2	@SACRED HEART	7-10
O. 9	Central Connecticut State	0-12
O. 16	Monmouth (NJ)	14-33
O. 23	Albany (NY)	
N. 6	@ROBERT MORRIS	3-35
N. 13	@STONY BROOK	

**Coach:** David Jaumotte **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Red Flash **1998 Record:** 0-10

**St. John's (NY)** Jamaica, NY

S. 11	St. Francis (PA)	
S. 18	Marist	0-14
S. 25	@GEORGETOWN	17-28
O. 9	@DUQUESNE	3-31
O. 16	St. Peter's	38-0
O. 23	@FAIRFIELD	14-40
O. 30	@LA SALLE	
N. 6	Canisius	
N. 13	@SIENA	13-0
N. 19	Iona*	35-10
N. 26	@STONY BROOK	17-3

**Coach:** Bob Ricca **Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Red Storm **1998 Record:** 5-5

**St. Mary's (CA)** Moraga, CA

S. 4	@SACRAMENTO STATE*	12-25
S. 11	Humboldt State	
S. 18	@SAN JOSE STATE*	
S. 25	@WESTERN WASHINGTON	
O. 2	@CENTRAL WASHINGTON	
O. 9	@DRAKE	27-21
O. 16	California-Davis	7-31
O. 23	Colgate	
O. 30	Holy Cross*	
N. 6	Southern Utah	0-49
N. 13	Cal Poly	13-35

**Coach:** Mike Rasmussen **Colors:** Red & Blue  
**Nickname:** Gaels **1998 Record:** 2-8

### St. Peter's Jersey City, NJ

S. 11	@MARIST	3-26
S. 18	Canisius	2-30
S. 25	@SIENA	7-12
O. 2	@DUQUESNE	0-52
O. 9	Iona	0-36
O. 16	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)	0-38
O. 23	Georgetown	7-54
N. 6	@LA SALLE	21-24 (OT)
N. 20	Fairfield	0-48

**Coach:** Rob Stern **Colors:** Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Peacocks **1998 Record:** 0-10

### Stanford Palo Alto, CA

S. 4	@TEXAS	8-2
S. 11	Washington State	38-28
S. 18	@ARIZONA	14-31
S. 25	UCLA	24-28
O. 2	San Jose State	23-35
O. 16	Oregon State	23-30
O. 23	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	9-34
O. 30	@WASHINGTON	
N. 13	@ARIZONA STATE	38-44 (OT)
N. 20	California	10-3
N. 27	Notre Dame	17-35

**Coach:** Tyrone Willingham **Colors:** Cardinal & White  
**Nickname:** Cardinal **1998 Record:** 3-8

### Stephen F. Austin Nacogdoches, TX

S. 4	Abitene Christian*	
S. 11	@UTAH STATE*	
O. 2	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	
O. 9	McNeese State	17-20
O. 16	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	38-7
O. 23	Nicholls State	7-14
O. 30	Jacksonville State	16-22
N. 6	@TROY STATE*	21-14
N. 13	Southwest Texas State	7-14
N. 20	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	21-35

**Coach:** Mike Santiago **Colors:** Purple & White  
**Nickname:** Lumberjacks **1998 Record:** 3-8

### Syracuse Syracuse, NY

S. 2	@TOLEDO	6-5
S. 11	Central Michigan	
S. 18	Michigan*	38-28
S. 25	West Virginia	28-35
O. 2	Tulane	
O. 7	@PITTSBURGH*	45-28
O. 16	@VIRGINIA TECH	28-26
O. 30	Boston College	42-25
N. 6	Temple	38-7
N. 13	@RUTGERS	70-14
N. 27	@MIAMI (FL)	66-13

**Coach:** Paul Pasqualoni **Colors:** Orange  
**Nickname:** Orangemen **1998 Record:** 8-3

### Temple Philadelphia, PA

S. 2	Maryland*	20-30
S. 11	@KANSAS STATE*	
S. 18	@AKRON	28-35
S. 25	@MARSHALL*	
O. 2	@PITTSBURGH	34-33
O. 9	Boston College	7-31
O. 16	@MIAMI (FL)	7-42
O. 23	@WEST VIRGINIA	7-37
O. 30	Rutgers	10-21
N. 6	@SYRACUSE	7-38
N. 20	Virginia Tech	28-24
N. 27	At Philadelphia, PA	

**Coach:** Bobby Wallace **Colors:** Cherry & White  
**Nickname:** Owls **1998 Record:** 2-9

### Tennessee Knoxville, TN

S. 4	Wyoming	
S. 18	@FLORIDA	20-17 (OT)
S. 25	Memphis	
O. 2	Auburn	17-9
O. 9	Georgia	22-3
O. 23	@ALABAMA	35-18
O. 30	South Carolina	49-14
N. 6	Notre Dame	
N. 13	@ARKANSAS	28-24
N. 20	@KENTUCKY	59-21
N. 27	Vanderbilt	41-0

**Coach:** Phillip Fulmer **Colors:** Orange & White  
**Nickname:** Volunteers **1998 Record:** 12-0

### Tennessee State Nashville, TN

S. 4	Alabama State*	
S. 11	Jackson State*	33-21
S. 18	Florida A&M*	23-31
O. 2	@ALABAMA A&M*	59-24
O. 9	Eastern Illinois	27-21
O. 16	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	76-0
O. 23	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	
O. 30	Eastern Kentucky	31-21
N. 6	Tennessee Tech*	42-21
N. 13	Murray State	46-44
N. 20	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	38-7
N. 27	At Atlanta, GA	

**Coach:** L. C. Cole **Colors:** Royal Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 9-3

### Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN

S. 11	Bowling Green	
S. 18	Liberty	
O. 2	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN*	31-24 (OT)
O. 9	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.	24-29
O. 16	Western Kentucky	
O. 23	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	6-13
O. 30	Murray State	3-23
N. 6	@TENNESSEE STATE*	21-42
N. 13	Eastern Kentucky	31-29 (OT)
N. 20	@SAMDOR	12-22

**Coach:** Mike Hennigan **Colors:** Purple & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Eagles **1998 Record:** 4-7

### Tennessee-Martin Martin, TN

S. 2	Western Kentucky*	7-49
S. 11	Lambuth	
S. 18	Samford*	13-24
S. 25	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	35-56
O. 2	Tennessee Tech*	24-31 (OT)
O. 9	@MURRAY STATE	35-47
O. 16	Tennessee State	0-76
O. 23	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	29-47
O. 30	Southwest Missouri State	14-41
N. 6	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE*	33-47
N. 13	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE	

**Coach:** Jim Marshall **Colors:** Orange, Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Skyhawks **1998 Record:** 0-11

### Texas Austin, TX

A. 28	North Carolina State*	
S. 4	Stanford	
S. 11	@RUTGERS	9-3
S. 18	Rice	30-21
S. 25	@BAYLOR	30-20
O. 2	Kansas State	7-48
O. 9	@OKLAHOMA	34-3
O. 16	Nebraska	20-16
O. 23	@IOWA STATE	54-33
O. 30	@OKLAHOMA STATE	37-34
N. 6	Texas Tech	35-42
N. 13	@TEXAS A&M	26-24

**Coach:** Mack Brown **Colors:** White & Orange  
**Nickname:** Longhorns **1998 Record:** 8-3

### Texas A&M College Station, TX

S. 4	@LOUISIANA TECH*	28-7
S. 18	Tulsa*	
S. 25	Southern Mississippi*	24-6
O. 2	@TEXAS TECH*	17-10
O. 9	Baylor	35-14
O. 16	Kansas	24-21
O. 23	@OKLAHOMA	29-0
O. 30	@OKLAHOMA STATE	17-6
N. 6	@NEBRASKA	28-21
N. 13	@MISSOURI	17-14
N. 26	Texas	24-26

**Coach:** R. C. Sloum **Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Nickname:** Aggies **1998 Record:** 11-2

### Texas Christian Fort Worth, TX

S. 4	Arizona*	
S. 11	@NORTHWESTERN	7-4
S. 25	@ARKANSAS STATE*	
O. 2	@FRESNO STATE*	21-10
O. 9	San Jose State	
O. 16	Tulsa	17-7
O. 23	@RICE	12-14
O. 30	@HAWAII	
N. 6	Southern Methodist	6-10
N. 13	North Texas	
N. 20	UTEP	

**Coach:** Dennis Franchione **Colors:** Purple & White  
**Nickname:** Horned Frogs **1998 Record:** 6-5

### Texas Southern Houston, TX

S. 4	Prairie View*	24-13
S. 11	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE*	
S. 18	Lane*	
S. 25	@HOWARD	30-7
O. 9	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF*	22-29
O. 16	Alcorn State*	14-21
O. 23	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	38-19
O. 30	@GRAMBLING	41-24
N. 6	Jackson State*	32-57
N. 13	Southern University*	14-20
N. 20	Norfolk State*	
N. 27	At Laramie, WY	

**Coach:** Bill Thomas **Colors:** Maroon & Gray  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 6-5

### Texas Tech Lubbock, TX

S. 4	@ARIZONA STATE*	6-5
S. 11	@SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA*	
S. 18	North Texas*	30-0
O. 2	Texas A&M*	10-17
O. 9	@OKLAHOMA STATE	24-17
O. 16	Colorado*	17-19
O. 23	@BAYLOR	31-29
O. 30	@MISSOURI	26-28
N. 6	Iowa State	31-24
N. 13	@TEXAS	42-35
N. 20	Oklahoma	17-20

**Coach:** Spike Dykes **Colors:** Scarlet & Black  
**Nickname:** Red Raiders **1998 Record:** 7-4

### Toledo Toledo, OH

S. 2	Syracuse	6-5
S. 18	@BALL STATE	27-6
S. 25	Massachusetts*	
O. 2	@BOWLING GREEN	24-16
O. 9	Kent	
O. 16	@MARSHALL	17-23
O. 23	Eastern Michigan	7-10
O. 30	Louisiana Tech*	
N. 6	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	17-14
N. 13	Northern Illinois	16-3

**Coach:** Gary Pinkel **Colors:** Midnight Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Rockets **1998 Record:** 7-5

### Towson State Towson, MD

S. 4	Monmouth (NJ)*	42-20
S. 11	Lafayette	7-27
S. 18	@BUCKNELL	13-46
S. 25	@COLUMBIA	
O. 2	Holy Cross	24-31
O. 9	@MORGAN STATE*	15-10
O. 16	@HOWARD	
O. 23	Fordham	35-34 (OT)
O. 30	@LEHIGH	7-55
N. 6	Dayton	42-43
N. 13	@COLGATE	14-35

**Coach:** Gordy Combs **Colors:** White, Gold & Black  
**Nickname:** Tigers **1998 Record:** 5-6

### Troy State Troy, AL

S. 11	@CINCINNATI*	10-1
S. 18	@ALABAMA STATE*	26-0
S. 25	South Florida*	
O. 2	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE*	
O. 9	Northwestern State	14-13
O. 16	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE*	20-17
O. 23	Sam Houston State	17-14
O. 30	@NICHOLLS STATE	31-10
N. 6	Stephen F. Austin	14-21
N. 13	@MCNEESE STATE*	3-23
N. 20	Jacksonville State	31-7

**Coach:** Larry Blakney **Colors:** Cardinal, Silver & Black  
**Nickname:** Trojans **1998 Record:** 8-4

### Tulane New Orleans, LA

S. 6	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	21-7
S. 11	Southern Methodist	31-31
S. 18	Army	28-35
O. 2	@SYRACUSE	
O. 9	@MISSISSIPPI	
O. 16	Southwestern Louisiana	72-20
O. 23	@EAST CAROLINA	
O. 30	Memphis	41-31
N. 6	@HOUSTON	48-20
N. 13	@NAVY	42-24
N. 20	UAB	

**Coach:** Chris Scellio **Colors:** Olive Green & Sky Blue  
**Nickname:** Green Wave **1998 Record:** 11-0

### Tulsa Tulsa, OK

S. 4	Southwest Missouri State*	W 49
S. 11	@OKLAHOMA STATE*	35
S. 18	@TEXAS A&M*	
S. 25	@SAN JOSE STATE*	
O. 2	Rice*	2-16
O. 16	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	
O. 23	Hawaii	
O. 30	Fresno State	
N. 6	@UTEP*	W
N. 13	Northeast Louisiana	
N. 20	Southern Methodist	3

**Coach:** David Rader **Colors:** Crimson & Gold  
**Nickname:** Golden Hurricane **1998 Record:** 4-4

### UAB Birmingham, AL

S. 4	@MISSOURI*	
S. 11	@VIRGINIA TECH	
S. 25	Houston*	
O. 2	Northeast Louisiana	W
O. 9	Memphis	
O. 16	@CINCINNATI	5
O. 23	@WAKE FOREST	
O. 30	@LOUISVILLE	
N. 6	East Carolina	7-26
N. 13	Louisiana Tech	23-54
N. 20	@TULANE	W

**Coach:** Watson Brown **Colors:** Green, Gold & White  
**Nickname:** Blazers **1998 Record:** 4-7

### UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 4	Boise State	W 4-7
S. 11	@OHIO STATE	
S. 18	Fresno State	
S. 25	@STANFORD	28-24
O. 2	@ARIZONA STATE	
O. 9	Oregon	41-38 (OT)
O. 16	California	28-16
O. 23	@OREGON STATE	41-34
O. 30	Arizona	52-28
N. 13	Washington	36-24
N. 20	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	34-17

**Coach:** Bob Toledo **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Nickname:** Bruins **1998 Record:** 10-1

### UNLV Las Vegas, NV

S. 2	@NORTH TEXAS*	W
S. 11	@BAYLOR	W 3-8
S. 18	Iowa State	
S. 25	Utah*	
O. 2	@NEVADA	20-31
O. 9	@WYOMING	25-28 (OT)
O. 23	Brigham Young	14-38
O. 30	@NEW MEXICO*	
N. 13	@AIR FORCE	10-52
N. 20	San Diego State	
N. 27	Colorado State	16-38

**Coach:** John Robinson **Colors:** Scarlet & Gray  
**Nickname:** Rebels **1998 Record:** 0-11

### Utah Salt Lake City, UT

S. 4	@WASHINGTON STATE	W 8-3
S. 18	Utah State*	28-12
S. 25	@UNLV*	
O. 2	@BOISE STATE*	28-31
O. 9	Northeast Louisiana	
O. 16	@AIR FORCE	
O. 23	San Diego State	20-21 (OT)
O. 30	@COLORADO STATE	
N. 6	Wyoming	24-27
N. 13	New Mexico	41-7
N. 27	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	24-26

**Coach:** Ron McBride **Colors:** Crimson & White  
**Nickname:** Utes **1998 Record:** 7-4

### Utah State Logan, UT

S. 4	@GEORGIA	
S. 11	Stephen F. Austin	
S. 18	@UTAH*	12-20
O. 1	Brigham Young	
O. 9	Arkansas State	
O. 16	@KANSAS STATE	
O. 23	@IDAHO*	14-2
O. 30	Boise State	16-7
N. 6	New Mexico State	29-26 (OT)
N. 20	@NEVADA	21
N. 27	@NORTH TEXAS	28
N. 27	At Pullman, WA	

**Coach:** Dave Arslanian **Colors:** Navy Blue & White  
**Nickname:** Aggies **1998 Record:** 7-4

**UTEP El Paso, TX**

S. 4	New Mexico*	W	22-19
S. 11	@OREGON	W	26-33
S. 18	@KANSAS STATE	W	
S. 25	New Mexico State*	W	24-33
O. 2	@HAWAII	W	30-13
O. 9	Southern Methodist*	W	
O. 16	@ARIZONA*	W	
O. 23	@FRESNO STATE	W	6-32
O. 30	San Jose State	W	28-21
N. 6	Tulsa*	W	
N. 13	@RICE	W	
N. 20	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	W	

**Coach:** Charlie Bailey **Colors:** Orange, Blue & White **Nickname:** Miners **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Valparaiso Valparaiso, IN**

S. 4	St. Francis (IN)		
S. 18	Robert Morris		19-17
S. 25	@YALE		
O. 2	Drake		18-33
O. 9	@BUTLER		17-10
O. 16	@MOREHEAD STATE		19-29
O. 23	San Diego		31-7
O. 30	@DAYTON		16-23
N. 6	St. Joseph's (IN)		15-32
N. 13	@AURORA		42-0
N. 20	@AUSTIN PEAY		39-0

**Coach:** Tom Horne **Colors:** Brown & Gold **Nickname:** Crusaders **1998 Record:** 5-6

**Vanderbilt Nashville, TN**

S. 4	Alabama	W	6-57
S. 11	Northern Illinois	W	
S. 18	@MISSISSIPPI*	W	6-30
S. 25	@DUKE	W	36-33 (OT)
O. 2	Mississippi State	W	0-42
O. 9	Citadel	W	
O. 16	Georgia	W	6-31
O. 23	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	17-14
N. 6	@FLORIDA	W	13-45
N. 13	Kentucky	W	17-55
N. 27	@TENNESSEE	W	0-41

**Coach:** Woody Widenhofer **Colors:** Gold & Black **Nickname:** Commodores **1998 Record:** 2-9

**Villanova Villanova, PA**

S. 4	@AIR FORCE	W	7-4
S. 11	@RICHMOND	W	14-28
S. 18	Massachusetts	W	26-36
S. 25	@PENNSYLVANIA	W	
O. 2	James Madison	W	34-30
O. 9	@WILLIAM & MARY	W	45-28
O. 16	@CONNECTICUT	W	
O. 23	Northeastern	W	17-28
O. 30	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	
N. 13	Youngstown State	W	
N. 20	Delaware	W	34-31 (OT)

**Coach:** Andy Talley **Colors:** Blue & White **Nickname:** Wildcats **1998 Record:** 6-5

**Virginia Charlottesville, VA**

S. 4	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	30-13
S. 11	@CLEMSON	W	20-18
S. 18	Wake Forest	W	38-17
S. 25	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	
O. 2	Virginia Tech	W	38-32
O. 9	Duke	W	24-0
O. 16	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W	23-13
O. 30	Florida State	W	14-45
N. 6	Georgia Tech	W	38-41
N. 13	Buffalo	W	
N. 20	@MARYLAND	W	31-19

**Coach:** George Welsh **Colors:** Orange & Blue **Nickname:** Cavaliers **1998 Record:** 9-2

**Virginia Military Lexington, VA**

S. 4	@RICHMOND	W	1-10
S. 11	Concord	W	
S. 18	East Tennessee State	W	8-44
S. 25	@FURMAN*	W	14-51
O. 2	Georgia Southern	W	7-63
O. 9	@WOFFORD	W	20-42
O. 16	Chattanooga	W	7-45
O. 23	William & Mary	W	0-49
O. 30	@WESTERN CAROLINA	W	17-39
N. 6	Appalachian State	W	0-51
N. 13	@CITADEL	W	10-36

**Coach:** Cal McCombs **Colors:** Red, White & Yellow **Nickname:** Keydets **1998 Record:** 1-10

**Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA**

S. 4	James Madison	W	11-0
S. 11	UAB	W	41-0
S. 23	Clemson	W	37-0
O. 2	@VIRGINIA	W	32-36
O. 9	@RUTGERS	W	47-7
O. 16	Syracuse	W	26-28
O. 30	@PITTSBURGH	W	27-7
N. 6	@WEST VIRGINIA	W	27-13
N. 13	Miami (FL)	W	27-20 (OT)
N. 20	@TEMPLE	W	24-28
N. 26	Boston College	W	17-0

**Coach:** Frank Beamer **Colors:** Orange & Chicago Maroon **Nickname:** Hokies **1998 Record:** 8-3

**Wagner Staten Island, NY**

S. 25	St. Francis (PA)		45-14
O. 16	Central Connecticut State		21-17
O. 30	@CORNELL		
N. 6	@MONMOUTH (NJ)		20-48
N. 13	@SAN DIEGO		30-42

**Coach:** Walt Hameline **Colors:** Green & White **Nickname:** Seahawks **1998 Record:** 7-3

**Wake Forest Winston-Salem, NC**

S. 11	@ARMY	W	6-3
S. 18	@VIRGINIA	W	37-38
S. 25	North Carolina State	W	27-38
O. 2	Rutgers	W	
O. 9	Maryland	W	20-10
O. 16	@FLORIDA STATE	W	7-24
O. 23	UAB	W	
O. 30	Clemson	W	29-19
N. 6	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	31-38
N. 13	@DUKE	W	16-19
N. 20	Georgia Tech	W	35-63

**Coach:** Jim Caldwell **Colors:** Black & Old Gold **Nickname:** Demon Deacons **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Washington Seattle, WA**

S. 9	@BRIGHAM YOUNG*	W	20-10
S. 18	Air Force	W	7-4
S. 25	Colorado	W	
O. 2	Oregon	W	22-27
O. 9	@OREGON STATE	W	35-34
O. 16	Arizona State	W	42-38
O. 23	@CALIFORNIA	W	21-13
O. 30	Stanford	W	
N. 6	@ARIZONA*	W	28-31
N. 13	@UCLA	W	24-36
N. 20	Washington State	W	16-9

**Coach:** Rick Neuheisel **Colors:** Purple & Gold **Nickname:** Huskies **1998 Record:** 6-5

**Washington State Pullman, WA**

S. 4	Utah	W	3-9
S. 11	@STANFORD*	W	28-38
S. 18	Idaho	W	24-16
S. 25	Arizona	W	7-41
O. 2	California	W	14-24
O. 9	Southwestern Louisiana	W	
O. 23	@ARIZONA STATE	W	28-38
O. 30	Oregon State	W	
N. 6	@OREGON	W	29-51
N. 13	Southern California	W	14-42
N. 20	@WASHINGTON	W	9-16
N. 27	@HAWAII	W	

**Coach:** Mike Price **Colors:** Crimson & Gray **Nickname:** Cougars **1998 Record:** 3-8

**Weber State Ogden, UT**

S. 2	Western State*		
S. 11	@WYOMING		
S. 18	Idaho State*		6-3
S. 25	@MONTANA		27-20
O. 2	Sacramento State*		27-14
O. 9	@MONTANA STATE		7-10
O. 16	Southern Utah*		
O. 23	Portland State		27-34
O. 30	@CAL STATE NORTHRIIDGE		10-26
N. 6	Northern Arizona		17-20
N. 13	@EASTERN WASHINGTON		27-23

**Coach:** Jerry Graybeal **Colors:** Royal Purple & White **Nickname:** Wildcats **1998 Record:** 6-5

**West Virginia Morgantown, WV**

S. 4	@EAST CAROLINA	W	
S. 11	Miami (OH)	W	42-20
S. 18	@MARYLAND	W	
S. 25	@SYRACUSE	W	35-28
O. 2	Navy	W	45-24
O. 16	Rutgers	W	28-14
O. 23	Temple	W	37-7
O. 30	@MIAMI (FL)	W	31-34
N. 6	Virginia Tech	W	13-27
N. 13	@BOSTON COLLEGE	W	35-10
N. 27	Pittsburgh	W	52-14

**Coach:** Don Nehlen **Colors:** Old Gold & Blue **Nickname:** Mountaineers **1998 Record:** 8-3

**Western Carolina Cullowhee, NC**

S. 2	Mars Hill*		
S. 11	@MARYLAND	W	
S. 18	Citadel*		14-8
S. 25	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	24 (OT)
O. 2	Furman*		7-31
O. 9	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN		21-28
O. 16	Wofford*		10-17
O. 23	@CHATTANOOGA*		24-21
O. 30	Virginia Military		39-17
N. 6	Samford		
N. 13	@APPALACHIAN STATE		23-6

**Coach:** Bill Bleil **Colors:** Purple & Gold **Nickname:** Catamounts **1998 Record:** 6-5

**Western Illinois Macomb, IL**

S. 2	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS*		
S. 11	Mississippi Valley		
S. 18	@NICHOLLS STATE		
S. 25	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE*		14-0
O. 2	Southwest Missouri State		20-13
O. 9	Elon		17-7
O. 16	Southern Illinois		13-3
O. 23	@INDIANA STATE		26-9
N. 6	@ILLINOIS STATE		37-10
N. 13	Northern Iowa		6-10
N. 20	Drake		

**Coach:** Don Patterson **Colors:** Purple & Old Gold **Nickname:** Leathernecks **1998 Record:** 11-3

**Western Kentucky Bowling Green, KY**

S. 2	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN*		49-7
S. 11	Cumberland University*		
S. 18	South Florida*		31-24
S. 25	Southwest Missouri State*		
O. 2	Murray State*		31-36
O. 9	@EASTERN KENTUCKY*		16-27
O. 16	@TENNESSEE TECH		
O. 23	Tennessee State		
O. 30	@EASTERN ILLINOIS		
N. 13	@INDIANA STATE		42-14
N. 20	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS		48-28

**Coach:** Jack Harbaugh **Colors:** Red & White **Nickname:** Hilltoppers **1998 Record:** 7-4

**Western Michigan Kalamazoo, MI**

S. 4	@FLORIDA	W	
S. 11	Youngstown State	W	
S. 18	@MISSOURI*	W	
S. 25	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	37-23
O. 2	Central Michigan*	W	24-26
O. 9	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	45-35
O. 16	Buffalo	W	
O. 23	Ball State	W	24-23
O. 30	@AKRON	W	
N. 13	Marshall	W	14

**Coach:** Gary Darnell **Colors:** Brown & Gold **Nickname:** Broncos **1998 Record:** 7-4

**William & Mary Williamsburg, VA**

S. 2	@DELAWARE*	W	52-45
S. 11	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W	
S. 18	Furman	W	
S. 25	@NORTHEASTERN	W	24-21
O. 9	Villanova	W	28-45
O. 16	James Madison	W	24-12
O. 23	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	W	49-0
O. 30	Maine	W	
N. 6	@RHODE ISLAND	W	21-13
N. 13	Massachusetts	W	
N. 20	@RICHMOND	W	17-42

**Coach:** Jimmie Laycock **Colors:** Green, Gold & Silver **Nickname:** Tribe **1998 Record:** 7-4

**Wisconsin Madison, WI**

S. 4	Murray State	W	
S. 11	Ball State	W	9-2
S. 18	@CINCINNATI	W	
S. 25	Michigan	W	10-27
O. 2	@OHIO STATE	W	
O. 9	@MINNESOTA	W	26-7
O. 16	Indiana	W	24-20
O. 23	Michigan State	W	
O. 30	@NORTHWESTERN	W	38-7
N. 6	@PURDUE	W	31-24
N. 13	Iowa	W	31-0

**Coach:** Barry Alvarez **Colors:** Cardinal & White **Nickname:** Badgers **1998 Record:** 10-1

**Wofford Spartanburg, SC**

S. 11	Georgia Southern*		10-45
S. 18	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE*		
S. 25	Charleston Southern		20-0
O. 2	@CHATTANOOGA*		3-31
O. 9	Virginia Military		42-20
O. 16	@WESTERN CAROLINA*		17-10
O. 23	Appalachian State		6-31
O. 30	@CITADEL		14-20
N. 6	East Tennessee State		24-45
N. 13	@FURMAN		40-20
N. 20	@SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA		

**Coach:** Mike Ayers **Colors:** Old Gold & Black **Nickname:** Terriers **1998 Record:** 4-7

**Wyoming Laramie, WY**

S. 4	@TENNESSEE	W	
S. 11	Weber State	W	7-4
S. 25	@AIR FORCE	W	3-10
O. 2	Idaho	W	
O. 9	UNLV	W	20-25 (OT)
O. 16	@NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	W	
O. 23	Colorado State	W	27-19
N. 6	@UTAH	W	27-24
N. 13	Brigham Young	W	
N. 20	New Mexico	W	
N. 27	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W	

**Coach:** Dana Dimel **Colors:** Brown & Yellow **Nickname:** Cowboys **1998 Record:** 8-3

**Yale New Haven, CT**

S. 18	Brown	W	30-28
S. 25	Valparaiso	W	
O. 2	@SAN DIEGO*	W	
O. 9	@HOLY CROSS	W	15-7
O. 16	Dartmouth	W	19-22
O. 23	@COLUMBIA	W	37-14
O. 30	Pennsylvania	W	21-34
N. 6	@CORNELL	W	28-21
N. 13	@PRINCETON	W	31-28
N. 20	Harvard	W	9-7

**Coach:** Jack Siedlecki **Colors:** Yale Blue **Nickname:** Bulldogs **1998 Record:** 4-4

**Youngstown State Youngstown, OH**

S. 2	Slippery Rock*		
S. 11	@WESTERN MICHIGAN*		
S. 18	Indiana (PA)*		
S. 25	Western Illinois*		0-14
O. 2	@INDIANA STATE		20-14
O. 9	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS		34-21
O. 16	Cal Poly		
O. 23	@NORTHERN IOWA*		14-42
O. 30	Illinois State		14-48
N. 6	Southwest Missouri State		24-17
N. 13	@VILLANOVA		

# '98 Division I-A

## DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

### Passing Efficiency (minimum of 15 attempts per game)

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Shaun King, Tulane	Sr	11	328	223	67.99	6	1.83	3232	9.85	36	10.98	183.3
Akili Smith, Oregon	Sr	11	325	191	58.77	7	2.15	3307	10.18	30	9.23	170.4
Daunte Culpepper, Central Fla.	Sr	11	402	296	73.63	7	1.74	3690	9.18	28	6.97	170.2
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	Jr	12	559	380	67.98	13	2.33	4943	8.84	46	8.23	164.8
David Neill, Nevada	Fr	9	344	199	57.85	9	2.62	3249	9.44	29	8.43	159.8
Michael Bishop, Kansas St.	Sr	12	295	164	55.59	4	1.36	2844	9.64	23	7.80	159.6
Donovan McNabb, Syracuse	Sr	11	251	157	62.55	5	1.99	2134	8.50	22	8.76	158.9
Marc Bulger, West Va.	Jr	11	369	240	65.04	8	2.17	3178	8.61	27	7.32	157.2
Cade McNown, UCLA	Sr	11	323	188	58.20	10	3.10	3130	9.69	23	7.12	156.9
Joe Germaine, Ohio St.	Sr	11	346	209	60.40	7	2.02	3108	8.98	24	6.94	154.7
Tim Couch, Kentucky	Jr	11	553	400	72.33	15	2.71	4275	7.73	36	6.51	153.3
Chris Redman, Louisville	Jr	10	473	309	65.33	15	3.17	4042	8.55	29	6.13	151.0
Jarious Jackson, Notre Dame	Sr	10	188	104	55.32	6	3.19	1740	9.26	13	6.91	149.5
Scott Covington, Miami (Fla.)	Sr	11	270	159	58.89	8	2.96	2301	8.52	19	7.04	147.8
Major Applewhite, Texas	Fr	11	273	159	58.24	11	4.03	2453	8.99	18	6.59	147.4
Herb Tyler, LSU	Sr	10	250	153	61.20	7	2.80	2018	8.07	18	7.20	147.2
Clint Stoenner, Arkansas	Jr	11	312	167	53.53	8	2.56	2629	8.43	26	8.33	146.7
Chad Pennington, Marshall	Jr	12	432	279	64.58	7	1.62	3419	7.91	24	5.56	146.2
Doug Johnson, Florida	Jr	10	274	154	56.20	8	2.92	2346	8.56	19	6.93	145.2
Tee Martin, Tennessee	Jr	12	267	153	57.30	6	2.25	2164	8.10	19	7.12	144.4
Ryan Kealy, Arizona St.	So	10	261	150	57.47	9	3.45	2161	8.28	19	7.28	144.1
Lee Roberts, Southern Miss.	Sr	11	325	185	56.92	11	3.38	2680	8.25	24	7.38	143.8
David Garrard, East Caro.	Fr	11	255	157	61.57	7	2.75	2091	8.20	14	5.49	143.1
Drew Brees, Purdue	So	12	516	336	65.12	17	3.29	3753	7.27	36	6.98	142.6
Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech	Jr	11	259	145	55.98	8	3.09	2166	8.36	17	6.56	141.7
Chris Weinke, Florida St.	So	10	286	145	50.70	6	2.10	2487	8.70	19	6.64	141.5

### Total Offense

	YEAR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	TD*	YDS/G
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	Jr	12	43	91	194	-103	559	4943	602	4840	8.04	47	403.33
Chris Redman, Louisville	Jr	10	40	85	118	-33	473	4042	513	4009	7.81	31	400.90
Daunte Culpepper, Central Fla.	Sr	11	141	684	221	463	402	3690	543	4153	7.65	40	377.55
Tim Couch, Kentucky	Jr	11	64	105	229	-124	553	4275	617	4151	6.73	37	377.36
David Neill, Nevada	Fr	9	65	274	172	102	344	3249	409	3351	8.19	31	372.33
Shaun King, Tulane	Sr	11	140	689	157	532	328	3232	468	3764	8.04	46	342.18
Drew Brees, Purdue	So	12	59	283	115	168	516	3753	575	3921	6.82	39	326.75
Akili Smith, Oregon	Sr	11	74	336	153	183	325	3307	399	3490	8.75	33	317.27
Cade McNown, UCLA	Sr	11	63	260	93	167	323	3130	386	3297	8.54	26	299.73
Michael Bishop, Kansas St.	Sr	12	177	899	151	748	295	2844	472	3592	7.61	37	299.33
Tim Lester, Western Mich.	Jr	11	70	167	216	-49	406	3311	476	3262	6.85	23	296.55
Jamie Barnett, North Caro St.	Jr	11	83	209	196	13	377	3169	460	3182	6.92	21	289.27
Walt Church, Eastern Mich.	So	9	51	99	194	-95	355	2650	406	2555	6.29	14	283.89
Chad Pennington, Marshall	Jr	12	51	119	142	-23	432	3419	483	3396	7.03	25	283.00
Marc Bulger, West Va.	Jr	11	31	53	140	-87	369	3178	400	3091	7.73	27	281.00
Joe Germaine, Ohio St.	Sr	11	56	131	195	-64	346	3108	402	3044	7.57	24	276.73
Todd Husak, Stanford	Jr	11	48	92	158	-66	447	3092	495	3026	6.11	17	275.09
Quincy Carter, Georgia	Fr	11	99	462	178	284	290	2484	389	2768	7.12	16	251.64
Graham Leigh, New Mexico	Sr	12	111	531	235	296	376	2608	487	2904	5.96	21	242.00
Antwaan Randle El, Indiana	Fr	11	227	1074	201	873	273	1745	500	2618	5.24	16	238.00
Brian Kuklick, Wake Forest	Sr	11	78	155	264	-109	396	2683	474	2574	5.43	17	234.00
Clint Stoenner, Arkansas	Jr	11	51	143	200	-57	312	3629	363	2572	7.09	27	233.82
Donovan McNabb, Syracuse	Sr	11	135	663	225	438	251	2134	386	2572	6.66	30	233.82
Chris Weinke, Florida St.	So	10	47	29	197	-168	286	2487	333	2319	6.96	20	231.90
Aaron Brooks, Virginia	Sr	11	84	400	173	227	290	2319	374	2546	6.81	17	231.45
Romaro Miller, Mississippi	So	10	60	229	196	33	326	2273	386	2306	5.97	12	230.60

\*Touchdowns responsible for: TDs scored or passed for

### All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS	YDS/G	PLAYS	YDS/PL
Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech	Sr	12	227	1996	235	326	2784	232.00	190	14.65
Ricky Williams, Texas	Sr	11	2124	262	0	0	2386	216.91	385	6.20
Kevin Faulk, LSU	Sr	11	1279	287	265	278	2109	191.73	283	7.45
Torry Holt, North Caro. St.	Sr	11	102	1604	273	0	1979	179.91	114	17.36
Jaime Kimbrough, Fresno St.	Sr	11	1168	391	0	393	1952	177.45	262	7.45
Amos Zereoue, West Va.	Jr	10	1430	175	0	168	1773	177.30	290	6.11
Mike Cloud, Boston College	Sr	11	1726	198	0	0	1924	174.91	332	5.80
Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	Jr	11	1787	107	0	0	1894	172.18	376	5.04
Craig Yeast, Kentucky	Sr	11	87	1311	33	410	1841	167.36	116	15.87
Kevin Johnson, Syracuse	Sr	11	105	894	145	690	1834	166.73	109	16.83
Deonice Whitaker, San Jose St.	So	10	719	37	19	1214	1989	165.75	190	10.47
Ricky Williams, Texas Tech	So	11	1582	176	0	0	1758	159.82	324	5.43
J.R. Redmond, Arizona St.	Jr	10	883	194	246	235	1558	155.80	216	7.21
Edgerrin James, Miami (Fla.)	Jr	11	1416	255	0	0	1671	151.91	259	6.45
Dez White, Georgia Tech	So	11	0	973	0	682	1655	150.45	72	22.99
Devin West, Missouri	Sr	11	1578	43	0	0	1621	147.36	291	5.57
David Boston, Ohio St.	Jr	11	1	1330	268	0	1599	145.36	94	17.01
Tim Alexander, Oregon St.	Sr	11	3	620	169	799	1591	144.64	104	15.30
Daniel Jones, Utah	Sr	11	9	809	262	507	1587	144.27	110	14.43
Dennis Manns, New Mexico St.	Sr	11	1469	106	0	0	1575	143.18	278	5.67
Shaun Alexander, Alabama	Jr	11	1178	385	0	0	1563	142.09	284	5.50
Arnold Jackson, Louisville	Jr	11	33	1165	216	131	1545	140.45	133	11.62
Ketric Sanford, Houston	Jr	11	1054	171	0	305	1530	139.09	259	5.91

### Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech	Sr	12	140	1996	27	11.67
Dameane Douglas, California	Sr	11	100	1150	4	9.09
Geoff Noisy, Nevada	Sr	11	94	1405	7	8.55
Arnold Jackson, Louisville	Jr	11	90	1165	10	8.18
Torry Holt, North Caro. St.	Sr	11	88	1604	11	8.00
Slahia Burley, Central Fla.	Sr	11	88	1142	8	8.00
Craig Yeast, Kentucky	Sr	11	85	1311	14	7.73
Jerrian James, Houston	Jr	11	80	931	5	7.27
Anthony White, Kentucky	Jr	11	78	582	1	7.09
D'wayne Bates, Northwestern	Sr	12	83	1245	9	6.92
Marty Booker, Northeast La.	Sr	11	75	1168	11	6.82
David Boston, Ohio St.	Jr	11	74	1330	13	6.73
P.J. Franklin, Tulane	Jr	11	74	1174	11	6.73
Deronnie Pitts, Stanford	Jr	11	74	1012	7	6.73
Dane Looker, Washington	Jr	10	64	662	5	6.40
Travis McGriff, Florida	Sr	11	70	1357	10	6.36
Trevor Insley, Nevada	Jr	11	69	1220	11	6.27

### Interceptions

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	I/G
Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin	Fr	9	6	99	2	0.67
Pat Dennis, Northeast La.	So	11	7	196	2	0.64
Lloyd Harrison, North Caro St.	Jr	11	7	51	0	0.64
Hank Poteat, Pittsburgh	Jr	10	6	53	0	0.60
Wade Perkins, Missouri	Sr	11	6	129	1	0.55
David Macklin, Penn St.	Jr	11	6	120	1	0.55
Tim Smith, Stanford	Sr	11	6	69	0	0.55
Chris Claiborne, Southern Cal	Jr	12	6	159	2	0.50
Danillee Derricott, Marshall	Jr	12	6	118	0	0.50

### Scoring

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech	Sr	12	31	2	0	188	15.67
Ricky Williams, Texas	Sr	11	28	0	0	168	15.27
Martin Gramatica, Kansas St.	Sr	12	0	69	22	135	11.25
Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	Jr	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
Leroy Collins, Louisville	Jr	11	19	2	0	116	10.55
Edgerrin James, Miami (Fla.)	Jr	11	19	0	0	114	10.36
Sebastian Janikowski, Fla. St.	So	12	0	42	27	123	10.25
Nathan Villegas, Oregon	Jr	11	0	52	20	112	10.18
Devin West, Missouri	Sr	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech	Jr	11	0	37	22	103	9.36
Kevin Faulk, LSU	Sr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Shaun Alexander, Alabama	Jr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Joel Thomas, Idaho	Sr	11	16	6	0	102	9.27
Todd Latourette, Arkansas	Sr	10	0	41	17	92	9.20
Doug Chapman, Marshall	Jr	12	18	2	0	110	9.17
Eric Flowers, Central Mich.	Jr	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Jeff Hall, Tennessee	Sr	12	0	47	19	104	8.67
Paul Edinger, Michigan St.	Jr	11	0	28	22	94	8.55
Nathan Trout, Syracuse	Jr	11	0	58	12	94	8.55
Brad Selent, Western Mich.	So	11	0	40	18	94	8.55
Kris Stockton, Texas	So	11	0	46	16	94	8.55
Chris Sailer, UCLA	Sr	11	0	54	13	93	8.45

# NCAA Statistics

## I-A INDIVIDUAL

### Punt Returns (minimum 12 returns per game)

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
David Allen, Kansas St.	So	33	730	4	22.12
Damon Gourdine, San Diego St.	Jr	16	294	2	18.38
Nick Davis, Wisconsin	Fr	27	424	2	15.70
David Boston, Ohio St.	Jr	18	268	1	14.89
Payton Williams, Fresno St.	Jr	24	343	1	14.29
Charlie Rogers, Georgia Tech	Sr	30	425	2	14.17
Siaha Burley, Central Fla.	Sr	21	293	1	13.95
Peter Warrick, Florida St.	Jr	15	208	0	13.87
Gari Scott, Michigan St.	Jr	32	440	0	13.75
J.R. Redmond, Arizona St.	Jr	18	246	1	13.67
Torry Holt, North Caro. St.	Sr	20	273	2	13.65
Kevin Prentiss, Mississippi St.	Sr	26	339	1	13.04
John Bernard, Southwestern La. St.	So	16	201	1	12.56
Ryan Roques, UCLA	Jr	19	238	1	12.53
Damone Williams, Marshall	Sr	32	400	1	12.50
Lucious Foster, UAB	Jr	17	210	0	12.35
Javier Sanchez, UTEP	Jr	17	208	0	12.24
Adrian Reese, Ball St.	Jr	23	279	0	12.13
Marcellus Harris, East Caro.	So	14	167	0	11.93
Vern Bernard, Idaho	So	25	298	1	11.92

### Punting (minimum 3.6 punts per game)

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Joe Kristosik, UNLV	Sr	11	76	3509	46.17
Josh Bidwell, Oregon	Sr	11	47	2153	45.81
Stephen Baker, Arizona St.	Fr	11	56	2561	45.73
Dave Zastudil, Ohio	Fr	11	50	2266	45.32
Bill Lafleur, Nebraska	Sr	12	52	2337	44.94
Andy Pollock, Bowling Green	Sr	11	50	2243	44.86
Deone Horinek, Colorado St.	Jr	12	52	2331	44.83
Brian Schmitz, North Caro.	Jr	11	75	3357	44.76
Graham White, Army	Jr	11	47	2101	44.70
Kevin Stemke, Wisconsin	So	11	67	2949	44.01
Daniel Pope, Alabama	Sr	11	66	2901	43.95
Craig Jarrett, Michigan St.	Fr	12	64	2803	43.80
Shane Lechler, Texas A&M	Jr	13	80	3485	43.56
Aron Langley, Wyoming	Sr	11	54	2343	43.39
Kyle Atteberry, Baylor	Jr	11	73	3158	43.26
Andy Kohl, New Mexico St.	So	11	58	2489	42.91
Andrew Bayes, East Caro.	Jr	11	64	2745	42.89
Tripp Moore, Wake Forest	Sr	11	63	2702	42.89

### Field Goals

	YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
Sebastian Janikowski, Fla. St.	So	12	32	27	.844	2.25
Brad Bohn, Utah St.	So	11	28	24	.857	2.18
Paul Edinger, Michigan St.	Jr	11	26	22	.846	2.00
Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech	Jr	11	32	22	.688	2.00
Derek Franz, Colorado St.	Sr	11	26	21	.808	1.91
Martin Gramatica, Kansas St.	Sr	12	31	22	.710	1.83
Nathan Villegas, Oregon	Jr	11	22	20	.909	1.82
Travis Forney, Penn St.	Jr	11	29	20	.690	1.82
Todd Latourette, Arkansas	Sr	10	24	17	.708	1.70
Matt Davenport, Wisconsin	Sr	11	20	18	.900	1.64
Brad Selent, Western Mich.	So	11	26	18	.692	1.64
Sims Lenhardt, Duke	Jr	10	22	16	.727	1.60
Jeff Hall, Tennessee	Sr	12	24	19	.792	1.58
Jose Cortez, Oregon St.	Sr	11	26	17	.654	1.55
Owen Pochman, Brigham Young	So	13	27	20	.741	1.54
Ryan White, Memphis	Fr	11	16	16	1.000	1.45
Aaron Elling, Wyoming	So	11	20	16	.800	1.45

### Kickoff Returns (minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Broderick McGrew, North Texas	Jr	18	587	1	32.61
Dee Moronkola, Washington St.	Sr	16	504	2	31.50
Kevin Johnson, Syracuse	Sr	23	690	2	30.00
Tim Alexander, Oregon St.	Sr	27	799	1	29.59
Toure Yeast, Kentucky	Sr	14	410	1	29.29
Toure Butler, Washington	So	22	626	1	28.45
Deltha O'Neal, California	Jr	22	624	0	28.36
Sam Simmons, Northwestern	Fr	22	607	0	27.59
Russell Harvey, Illinois	Fr	15	406	0	27.07
Antwan Edwards, Clemson	Sr	13	350	0	26.92
Mike Rigell, Brigham Young	Fr	23	617	1	26.83
Najeh Davenport, Miami (Fla.)	Fr	12	319	0	26.58
Robert Kilow, Arkansas St.	So	16	425	0	26.56
John Norman, Texas Tech	So	15	396	0	26.40
Dez White, Georgia Tech	So	26	682	1	26.23
DeMarrion Jones, Miami (Ohio)	So	14	363	0	25.93
Kahlil Hill, Iowa	Fr	18	465	1	25.83

## DIVISION I-A TEAM LEADERS

### Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Army	11	610	3232	5.3	25	293.8
Ohio	11	680	3044	4.5	27	276.7
Air Force	12	648	3201	4.9	39	266.8
Navy	11	580	2874	5.0	25	261.3
Rice	11	624	2829	4.5	25	257.2
Nebraska	12	636	3045	4.8	37	253.8
New Mexico St.	11	579	2790	4.8	18	253.6
TCU	11	542	2630	4.9	21	239.1
Missouri	11	546	2552	4.7	28	232.0
Syracuse	11	521	2512	4.8	34	228.4
Miami (Ohio)	11	545	2480	4.6	24	225.5
Kansas St.	12	571	2699	4.7	42	224.9
Bowling Green	11	546	2367	4.3	23	215.2
Arizona	12	523	2561	4.9	34	213.4
Virginia	11	468	2344	5.0	27	213.1
Notre Dame	11	507	2338	4.6	22	212.5
Tennessee	12	517	2536	4.9	27	211.3
Utah	11	529	2266	4.3	27	206.0
Oklahoma St.	11	550	2249	4.1	26	204.5
Wisconsin	11	553	2247	4.1	26	204.3

### Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Ohio St.	11	348	741	2.1	5	67.4
Florida St.	12	412	958	2.3	5	79.8
Wisconsin	11	377	986	2.6	4	89.6
Florida	11	393	998	2.5	6	90.7
Brigham Young	13	444	1186	2.7	12	91.2
Tennessee	12	420	1127	2.7	5	93.9
Arkansas	11	390	1050	2.7	6	95.5
Penn St.	11	407	1070	2.6	7	97.3
Utah	11	344	1071	3.1	9	97.4
Kansas St.	12	433	1179	2.7	3	98.3
Virginia Tech	11	420	1124	2.7	5	102.2
Arizona	12	416	1233	3.0	14	102.8
Minnesota	11	433	1141	2.6	12	103.7
Clemson	11	415	1150	2.8	17	104.5
Air Force	12	486	1362	2.8	11	113.5
Nebraska	12	466	1402	3.0	8	116.8
Virginia	11	406	1304	3.2	12	118.5
Texas Tech	11	454	1308	2.9	11	118.9

### Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
Louisville	11	883	6156	7.0	62	559.64
Louisiana Tech	12	894	6479	7.2	66	539.92
Kentucky	11	911	5876	6.5	50	534.18
Tulane	11	816	5578	6.8	64	507.09
Nevada	11	869	5577	6.4	49	507.00
Ohio St.	11	853	5539	6.5	46	503.55
Central Fla.	11	789	5365	6.8	50	487.73
UCLA	11	785	5309	6.8	56	482.64
Kansas St.	12	887	5742	6.5	65	478.50
Oregon	11	785	5260	6.7	49	478.18
Texas	11	762	5177	6.8	49	470.64
Western Mich.	11	832	5147	6.2	44	467.91
New Mexico St.	11	908	5084	5.6	42	462.18
Florida	11	754	5081	6.7	44	461.91
West Virginia	11	791	5053	6.4	47	459.36
Purdue	12	912	5484	6.0	50	457.00
Miami (Fla.)	11	769	4966	6.5	53	451.45

### Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
Florida St.	12	747	2578	3.5	14	214.8
Ohio St.	11	762	2835	3.7	12	257.8
Kansas St.	12	759	3220	4.2	18	268.3
Wisconsin	11	714	2973	4.2	9	270.3
Brigham Young	13	830	3561	4.3	29	273.9
Oklahoma	11	694	3067	4.4	24	278.8
Virginia Tech	11	710	3134	4.4	18	284.9
Texas Tech	11	710	3135	4.4	21	285.0
Florida	11	773	3153	4.1	15	286.6
Texas A&M	13	871	3761	4.3	21	289.3
Air Force	12	813	3522	4.3	16	293.5
Penn St.	11	769	3240	4.2	16	294.5
Colorado	11	740	3256	4.4	20	296.0
S. Methodist	12	800	3566	4.5	23	297.2
Michigan	12	804	3591	4.5	22	299.3
Miami (Ohio)	11	768	3301	4.3	15	300.1
Tennessee	12	826	3636	4.4	17	303.0

\* Touchdowns scored rushing or passing only

### Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN
	GAINED			LOST			
Wisconsin	13	18	31	4	5	9	2.00
Northeast La.	21	18	39	12	11	23	1.45
UCLA	21	12	33	6	11	17	1.45
Air Force	14	16	30	7	6	13	1.42
Tulane	12	14	26	5	6	11	1.36
Tennessee	17	16	33	10	7	17	1.33
Texas A&M	16	15	31	10	5	15	1.23
Syracuse	13	11	24	5	6	11	1.18
Kansas St.	17	16	33	14	5	19	1.17
Fresno St.	13	12	25	10	4	14	1.00
Arkansas	15	17	32	13	8	21	1.00
Southern California	12	24	36	15	10	25	0.92
Marshall	12	17	29	9	9	18	0.92
Florida St.	14	18	32	12	9	21	0.92
East Caro.	13	15	28	6	12	18	0.91
Virginia	14	16	30	10	10	20	0.91
Miami (Ohio)	7	13	20	1	9	10	0.91
Arizona	13	16	29	8	11	19	0.83
Nebraska	13	14	27	13	5	18	0.75

### Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Louisiana Tech	12	600	402	13	67	5185	8.6	48	432.1
Kentucky	11	574	414	16	72.1	4534	7.9	39	412.2
Louisville	11	515	338	15	65.6	4498	8.7	33	408.9
Nevada	11	458	265	18	57.9	3992	8.7	32	362.9
Florida	11	417	238	15	57.1	3807	9.1	35	346.1
Central Fla.	11	411	302	7	73.5	3771	9.2	29	342.8
Purdue	12	541	352	17	65.1	3978	7.4	40	331.5
Stanford	11	513	263	8	51.3	3516	6.9	22	319.6
Western Mich.	11	409	238	16	58.2	3414	8.3	24	310.4
North Carolina St.	11	405	210	11	51.9	3401	8.4	20	309.2
Oregon	11	346	199	7	57.5	3400	9.8	30	309.1
Ohio St.	11	381	226	7	59.3	3354	8.8	25	304.9
Tulane	11	339	230	6	67.8	3352	9.9	38	304.7
West Virginia	11	382	245	10	64.1	3248	8.5	27	295.3
UCLA	11	333	194	11	58.3	3240	9.7	26	294.5
Marshall	12	445	286	9	64.3	3504	7.9	24	292
Wake Forest	11	455	255	19	56	3151	6.9	18	286.5
Eastern Mich.	11	421	243	14	57.7	3010	7.1	16	273.6

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## DIVISION I-AA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

### Passing Efficiency (minimum of 15 attempts per game)

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Jim Blanchard, Portland St.	So	9	169	112	66.27	1	0.59	1512	8.95	14	8.28	167.6
Matt Nagy, Delaware	So	11	298	182	61.07	12	4.03	2916	9.79	20	6.71	157.4
Chad Barnhardt, South Fla.	Sr	10	193	114	59.07	9	4.66	1776	9.20	17	8.81	156.1
Patrick Bonner, Florida A&M	Sr	11	426	265	62.21	7	1.64	3473	8.15	37	8.69	156.1
Ryan Vena, Colgate	Jr	10	230	134	58.26	11	4.78	2298	9.99	16	6.96	155.6
Mike Cook, William & Mary	Sr	11	370	246	66.49	7	1.89	3028	8.18	26	7.03	154.6
Ted White, Howard	Sr	11	383	219	57.18	7	1.83	3263	8.52	31	8.09	151.8
Mark Washington, Jackson St.	Jr	11	257	134	52.14	9	3.50	2232	8.68	26	10.12	151.5
Marcus Brady, Cal St Northridge	Fr	11	376	255	67.82	11	2.93	2974	7.91	25	6.65	150.4
Steve O'hare, Fordham	Sr	9	265	161	60.75	6	2.26	2216	8.36	19	7.17	150.1
Phil Stambaugh, Lehigh	Jr	11	371	246	66.31	12	3.23	3121	8.41	22	5.93	150.1
Jon Denton, Eastern Ky.	Jr	10	217	119	54.84	6	2.76	1844	8.50	18	8.29	148.1
Rob Compson, Montana St.	Sr	11	327	193	59.02	8	2.45	2761	8.44	22	6.73	147.3
Kevin Glenn, Illinois St.	So	11	362	231	63.81	9	2.49	2818	7.78	25	6.91	147.0
Warren Patterson, Northwstn St.	Sr	9	157	79	50.32	6	3.82	1427	9.09	12	7.64	144.2
Wes Counts, Middle Tenn. St.	Fr	10	212	142	66.98	2	0.94	1541	7.27	11	5.19	143.3
Brian Ah Yat, Montana	Sr	10	386	248	64.25	15	3.89	2952	7.65	26	6.74	142.9
Ryan Helming, Northern Iowa	So	11	310	190	61.29	6	1.94	2475	7.98	16	5.16	141.5
James Lopuznick, Fairfield	Sr	11	292	168	57.53	12	4.11	2055	7.04	27	9.25	138.9
Griffin Garske, Eastern Wash.	Jr	11	266	144	54.14	9	3.38	2219	8.34	16	6.02	137.3
Anthony Buich, Eastern Ill.	So	10	240	147	61.25	5	2.08	1820	7.58	12	5.00	137.3
Leon Murray, Tennessee St.	Jr	11	353	183	51.84	12	3.40	3002	8.50	22	6.23	137.0
Todd Bankhead, Massachusetts	Jr	11	399	228	57.14	15	3.76	3006	7.53	28	7.02	136.1
David Dinkins, Morehead St.	So	11	221	110	49.77	5	2.26	1812	8.20	14	6.33	135.0
Matt Rader, Pennsylvania	Sr	10	279	172	61.65	8	2.87	2025	7.26	15	5.38	134.6

### Total Offense

	YR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	TD*	YDS/G
Patrick Bonner, Florida A&M	Sr	11	62	227	132	95	426	3473	488	3568	7.31	38	324.36
James Perry, Brown	Jr	10	23	20	83	-63	444	3165	467	3102	6.64	23	310.20
Ryan Vena, Colgate	Jr	10	177	953	217	736	230	2298	407	3034	7.45	27	303.40
Brian Ah Yat, Montana	Sr	10	49	157	165	-8	386	2952	435	2944	6.77	30	294.40
Ted White, Howard	Sr	11	50	138	186	-48	383	3263	433	3215	7.42	32	292.27
Giovanni Carmazzi, Hofstra	Jr	11	115	577	134	443	367	2751	482	3194	6.63	29	290.36
Mike Cook, William & Mary	Sr	11	68	165	136	29	370	3028	438	3057	6.98	31	277.91
Leon Murray, Tennessee St.	Jr	11	58	211	157	54	353	3002	411	3056	7.44	25	277.82
Kevin Glenn, Illinois St.	So	11	65	301	114	187	362	2818	427	3005	7.04	28	273.18
Phil Stambaugh, Lehigh	Jr	11	42	50	172	-122	371	3121	413	2999	7.26	24	272.64
David Dinkins, Morehead St.	So	11	147	1257	88	1169	221	1812	368	2981	8.10	34	271.00
Brad Zeller, Nicholls St.	Sr	11	139	772	190	582	370	2367	509	2949	5.79	17	268.09
Marcus Brady, Cal St Northridge	Fr	11	131	392	424	-32	376	2974	507	2942	5.80	28	267.45
Chris Boden, Villanova	Jr	11	63	109	234	-125	453	3050	516	2925	5.67	31	265.91
Todd Bankhead, Massachusetts	Jr	11	75	131	232	-101	399	3006	474	2905	6.13	32	264.09
Matt Nagy, Delaware	So	11	56	120	228	-108	298	2916	354	2808	7.93	23	255.27
Darnell Kennedy, Alabama St.	So	11	120	518	133	385	377	2415	497	2800	5.63	26	254.55
Rob Compson, Montana St.	Sr	11	73	174	160	14	327	2761	400	2775	6.94	29	252.27
Justin Fuente, Murray St.	Jr	11	48	54	187	-133	395	2896	443	2763	6.24	24	251.18
Derek Jensen, Southwest Mo St.	Sr	11	85	230	87	143	378	2554	463	2697	5.83	25	245.18
J.J. Mont, Georgetown	Jr	11	53	100	152	-52	367	2712	420	2660	6.33	27	241.82
Jeff Skinner, Wagner	Sr	10	59	277	126	151	314	2246	373	2397	6.43	18	239.70
Montressa Kirby, Jacksonvll St.	Sr	11	114	478	168	310	318	2271	432	2581	5.97	22	234.64
Rahsaan Matthews, Delaware St.	So	11	91	226	266	-40	406	2611	497	2571	5.17	20	233.73
Mickey Fein, Maine	Sr	11	40	64	169	-105	428	2648	468	2543	5.43	28	231.18

\*Touchdowns responsible for: TDs scored or passed for

### All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS*	YDS/G	PLAYS	YDS/PL
Brian Westbrook, Villanova	So	11	1046	1144	192	644	3026	275.09	329	9.20
Jerry Azumah, New Hampshire	Sr	11	2195	218	5	308	2726	247.82	374	7.29
Charles Roberts, Cal St.-Sac.	So	11	2260	79	0	91	2430	220.91	396	6.14
Eddie Conti, Delaware	Sr	11	-2	1712	156	502	2368	215.27	130	18.22
Marcel Shipp, Massachusetts	So	11	1949	288	0	100	2337	212.45	356	6.56
Karlton Carpenter, Southern Ill	Jr	11	1892	75	0	175	2142	194.73	341	6.28
Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern	Fr	11	1932	33	0	0	1965	178.64	262	7.50
J.J. Allen, Marist	Sr	10	1646	5	0	82	1733	173.30	286	6.06
Brad Hoover, Western Carolina	Jr	11	1663	233	0	4	1900	172.73	357	5.32
Chris Reed, Monmouth	Sr	10	1166	103	0	322	1591	159.10	234	6.80
Sean Morey, Brown	Sr	10	53	1023	-6	518	1588	158.80	117	13.57
James Finn, Pennsylvania	Sr	10	1450	134	0	0	1584	158.40	343	4.62
Delvin Joyce, James Madison	So	11	347	279	388	727	1741	158.27	194	8.97
Charles Dunn, Portland St.	So	11	1561	176	0	0	1737	157.91	313	5.55
Tyrone Butterfield, Tenn. St.	Sr	11	25	1129	0	545	1699	154.45	98	17.34
James Jenkins, Rhode Island	Sr	11	1206	79	13	391	1689	153.55	283	5.97
Morgan Welch, Weber St.	Jr	11	1629	43	0	0	1672	152.00	311	5.38
Mike Mackenzie, Eastern Wash.	Sr	11	1396	260	0	0	1656	150.55	272	6.09
Destry Wright, Jackson St.	Jr	11	1528	83	0	22	1633	148.45	279	5.85
Orshavante Bryant, Portland St.	So	11	11	1092	0	506	1609	146.27	98	16.42
Bashir Livingston, Eastern Wash.	Sr	11	53	357	333	854	1597	145.18	64	24.95
Kevin Williams, Ark-Pine Bluff	Fr	11	25	714	196	647	1582	143.82	79	20.03
Torin Kirtsey, Middle Tenn St.	So	8	774	70	0	293	1137	142.13	178	6.39
Matt Cannon, Southern Utah	So	11	1553	0	0	0	1553	141.18	199	7.80
Rodney Thomas, Alcorn St.	Sr	10	1286	120	0	0	1406	140.60	275	5.11

\* Includes INT-return yards

### Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Jacques Nunnally, Florida A&M	So	11	93	1316	12	8.45
Sean Morey, Brown	Sr	10	83	1023	10	8.30
Eddie Conti, Delaware	Sr	11	91	1712	10	8.27
Brian Westbrook, Villanova	So	11	89	1144	15	8.09
Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa	Jr	11	86	1074	10	7.82
Damon Hodge, Alabama St.	Jr	11	83	1022	9	7.55
Earnest Payton, James Madison	So	11	82	921	3	7.45
Cainon Lamb, Florida A&M	So	11	74	1131	12	6.73
Rickey Garrett, Illinois St.	Jr	11	72	1154	13	6.55
Tyrone Butterfield, Tenn. St.	Sr	11	72	1129	11	6.55
Drew O'Connor, Maine	Sr	11	72	1027	16	6.55
Jeremy Watkins, Montana	Jr	11	72	881	7	6.55
Eric Wise, Fairfield	Jr	11	72	838	10	6.55
Corey Hill, Colgate	Sr	11	71	1287	11	6.45
Chip Hobbs, Montana St.	Sr	11	71	1034	9	6.45
John Forman, Southern U.	Sr	11	70	1119	11	6.36

### Interceptions

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	I/G
Ken Krapf, St. John's (N.Y.)	Jr	11	9	144	2	0.82
Eric Kenesie, Valparaiso	Jr	11	9	88	0	0.82
Cliff Henry, Davidson	Sr	10	7	145	0	0.70
Eric Sloan, Troy St.	Jr	11	7	137	1	0.64
Ron Iannotti, Rhode Island	Sr	11	7	131	0	0.64
Cedric Stegall, Middle Tenn St.	Sr	10	5	35	0	0.63
Brad Eissler, Dartmouth	So	10	6	83	1	0.60
Matt O'Connell, Marist	Fr	10	6	67	0	0.60
Kyle Stusser, San Diego	So	10	6	29	0	0.60
Eric Martinson, La Salle	So	9	5	54	0	0.56
Jermaine Jones, Northwstn St.	Sr	11	6	232	2	0.55
Darryl Klugh, North Caro. A&T	Jr	11	6	118	1	0.55

### Scoring

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Brian Westbrook, Villanova	So	11	26	4	0	160	14.55
Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern	Fr	11	26	0	0	156	14.18
Chris Reed, Monmouth	Sr	10	22	0	0	132	13.20
Jerry Azumah, New Hampshire	Sr	11	23	2	0	140	12.73
Jessie Burton, McNeese St.	So	9	19	0	0	114	12.67
J.J. Allen, Marist	Sr	10	21	0	0	126	12.60
Charles Roberts, Cal St.-Sac	So	11	20	2	0	122	11.09
David Dinkins, Morehead St.	So	11	20	2	0	122	11.09
Angelo Todd, Norfolk St.	Jr	11	19	2	0	116	10.55
James Finn, Pennsylvania	Sr	10	17	0	0	102	10.20
Mike Mackenzie, Eastern Wash.	Sr	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Sylvester Morris, Jackson St.	Jr	11	17	4	0	106	9.64
Aaron Stecker, Western Ill.	Sr	9	14	0	0	84	9.33
Karlton Carpenter, Southern Ill	Jr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Marcel Shipp, Massachusetts	So	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Patel Troutman, Bethune-Cookman Jr	So	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Juan Toro, Florida A&M	Sr	11	0	56	14	98	8.91
Dave Klemic, Northeastern	So	11	15	6	0	96	8.73
Greg Hill, Ga. Southern	Jr	11	16	0	0	96	8.73

# NCAA Statistics

## I-AA INDIVIDUAL

### Punt Returns (minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Bashir Livingston, East. Wash.	Sr	16	333	3	20.81
Drew Haddad, Buffalo	Jr	23	410	2	17.83
Kwanzaq Golden, Miss. Val.	Jr	21	351	2	16.71
Joey Jamison, Tex. Southern	Sr	33	505	1	15.30
Corey Joyner, Ga. Southern	Sr	17	253	1	14.88
Joseph Piela, Pennsylvania	Sr	35	509	2	14.54
Zach Smerdzinski, Furman	Jr	22	318	0	14.45
Eurosius Parker, Jacksonville St.	Sr	34	477	1	14.03
Donnie Caldwell, Western Ill.	Sr	32	432	1	13.50
Darrick Brown, Maine	Sr	30	402	1	13.40
Winston October, Richmond	Sr	41	539	0	13.15
Antonio Stanley, Bethune-Cook.	So	22	286	1	13.00
Kiran Westbrooke, Villanova	So	15	192	0	12.80
Oscar Caballero, Montana St.	Sr	28	354	1	12.64
Delvechio Walls, Western Ky.	Sr	21	260	0	12.38
Kevin Williams, Ark.-Pine Bluff	So	16	196	0	12.25

### Punting (minimum 3.6 punts per game)

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Chad Stanley, Stephen F. Austin	Sr	11	58	2703	46.60
Matt Bushart, Southern U.	Jr	11	50	2260	45.20
Ken Hinsley, Western Caro.	Sr	11	57	2536	44.49
Mike Leach, William & Mary	Jr	11	45	1997	44.38
Ryan Klaus, Sam Houston St.	Sr	11	72	3182	44.19
Matt Evans, Princeton	Sr	10	54	2377	44.02
Chris Wright, James Madison	Sr	11	62	2726	43.97
Clay Williams, Charleston So.	Sr	11	61	2680	43.93
Jeff Baker, Western Ill.	Sr	11	66	2890	43.79
Shawn Wood, Butler	Sr	9	43	1857	43.19
Scott Shields, Weber St.	Sr	11	61	2597	42.57
Dan Frantz, Portland St.	So	10	45	1915	42.56
Andrew MacLay, Massachusetts	Sr	11	49	2074	42.33
David Latta, McNeese St.	Fr	11	53	2243	42.32
Matthew Peot, Montana St.	So	11	45	1886	41.91
Andy Dorsey, Tennessee Tech	So	11	65	2721	41.86
Brian Holmes, Samford	Jr	11	57	2380	41.75
Todd Dinkel, Morehead St.	So	11	44	1835	41.70
Steve Thorns, Cal St.-Sac.	Sr	11	68	2833	41.66
Ethan Beck, Cal St. Northridge	So	11	50	2083	41.66

### Field Goals

	YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
Mike Goldstein, Northern Ariz.	Sr	11	23	16	.696	1.45
Scott Shields, Weber St.	Sr	11	23	16	.696	1.45
Bill Gramatica, South Fla.	So	11	24	16	.667	1.45
Chad Johnson, Hofstra	So	11	27	16	.593	1.45
Joe Lopez, Western Ill.	So	11	28	16	.571	1.45
Greg Miller, Murray St.	Fr	11	19	15	.789	1.36
Kyle Leisher, Nicholls St.	So	10	18	13	.722	1.30
Juan Toro, Florida A&M	Sr	11	15	14	.933	1.27
Shonzo Lafrenz, McNeese St.	Jr	11	17	14	.824	1.27
Peter Garces, Idaho St.	Jr	11	18	14	.778	1.27
Lawrence Tynes, Troy St.	So	11	19	14	.737	1.27
Matt Walker, Rhode Island	Sr	11	20	14	.700	1.27
David Collett, Tennessee Tech	Fr	11	21	14	.667	1.27
Mike Murawczyk, Yale	So	10	16	12	.750	1.20
Jason Adamoyurka, Marist	Sr	10	17	12	.706	1.20
Kris Heppner, Montana	Jr	11	20	13	.650	1.18

### Kickoff Returns (minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ryan Zimpleman, Butler	So	28	972	4	34.71
Robert Thomas, Hofstra	Fr	26	784	2	30.15
Bashir Livingston, East. Wash.	Sr	29	854	3	29.45
Avion Black, Tennessee St.	So	16	462	1	28.88
Justin Bush, Cornell	Jr	13	375	1	28.85
Tyrone Butterfield, Tenn. St.	Sr	19	545	0	28.68
Romando North, N.C. A&T	So	19	542	0	28.53
Larry Stroud, Charleston	Jr	14	399	1	28.50
Donte Small, Duquesne	So	21	598	1	28.48
Bryan Daniel, Western Ky.	Sr	16	441	1	27.56
Tyree Talton, Northern Iowa	Sr	22	605	0	27.50
Tyron Berrian, Furman	Jr	17	461	0	27.12
Mareno Philyaw, Troy St.	Jr	16	432	0	27.00
L. Pullen, Stephen F. Austin	So	24	646	0	26.92
Jimmy Lee, Dayton	Jr	12	322	1	26.83
Clint Blackburn, Drake	Jr	12	322	0	26.83
Rashard Magee, Weber St.	Jr	19	504	0	26.53
Corey Chester, S.E. Missouri St.	So	19	503	0	26.47
Kwanzaq Golden, Miss. Val.	Jr	15	397	1	26.47
Robert Ridley, Monmouth (N.J.)	Sr	15	390	0	26.00

## DIVISION I-AA TEAM LEADERS

### Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Southern Utah	11	695	4246	6.1	38	386.0
Ga. Southern	11	620	4166	6.7	53	378.7
Western Ky.	11	669	3791	5.7	43	344.6
New Hampshire	11	566	3268	5.8	30	297.1
Morehead St.	11	527	3210	6.1	43	291.8
Wofford	11	676	2814	4.2	19	255.8
Colgate	11	554	2707	4.9	35	246.1
Texas Southern	11	507	2703	5.3	29	245.7
Marist	10	494	2445	4.9	23	244.5
Richmond	11	551	2649	4.8	26	240.8
Dayton	10	517	2347	4.5	28	234.7
Bethune-Cookman	10	472	2310	4.9	30	231.0
N.C. A&T	11	528	2534	4.8	23	230.4
Cal St.-Sac.	11	528	2510	4.8	26	228.2
Jackson St.	11	508	2486	4.9	22	226.0
Southern Ill.	11	521	2462	4.7	21	223.8

### Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Fairfield	11	329	679	2.1	4	61.70
Princeton	10	334	729	2.2	4	72.90
Marist	10	331	738	2.2	5	73.80
Pennsylvania	10	334	784	2.3	8	78.40
McNeese St.	11	397	907	2.3	7	82.50
Troy St.	11	344	940	2.7	9	85.50
St. John's (N.Y.)	11	447	1000	2.2	8	90.90
Columbia	11	446	962	2.8	7	96.20
Weber St.	11	381	1080	2.8	6	98.20
Hampton	11	361	1089	3.0	8	99.00
Richmond	11	337	1159	3.4	5	105.40
Davidson	10	411	1080	2.6	7	108.00
Ark.-Pine Bluff	11	405	1250	3.1	11	113.60
Nicholls St.	11	377	1295	3.4	17	117.70
Drake	10	369	1180	3.2	14	118.00
Northwestern St.	11	420	1301	3.1	17	118.30
Stephen F. Austin	11	414	1303	3.1	15	118.50
Bethune-Cookman	10	402	1187	3.0	15	118.70
Wagner	10	356	1203	3.4	14	120.30
Duquesne	11	460	1328	2.9	15	120.70

### Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
Florida A&M	11	855	5893	6.9	68	535.73
Ga. Southern	11	749	5419	7.2	60	492.64
Massachusetts	11	882	5310	6.0	51	482.73
Colgate	11	808	5252	6.5	52	477.45
Morehead St.	11	776	5237	6.7	59	476.09
Jackson St.	11	806	5184	6.4	53	471.27
Lehigh	11	814	5182	6.4	45	471.09
Southern Utah	11	839	5141	6.1	42	467.36
Tennessee St.	11	777	5139	6.6	51	467.18
Portland St.	11	798	5111	6.4	46	464.64
Hofstra	11	762	5024	6.6	48	456.73
Howard	11	776	4915	6.3	49	446.82
New Hampshire	11	796	4845	6.1	37	440.45
Illinois St.	11	821	4829	5.9	53	439.00
Brown	10	770	4338	5.6	35	433.80
Monmouth (N.J.)	10	730	4299	5.9	41	429.90

### Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
Fairfield	11	632	2352	3.7	15	213.8
Marist	10	626	2196	3.5	15	219.6
McNeese St.	11	704	2499	3.5	14	227.2
Davidson	10	656	2319	3.5	13	231.9
St. John's (N.Y.)	11	704	2579	3.7	18	234.5
Duquesne	11	756	2801	3.7	23	254.6
Tennessee Tech	11	720	2909	4.0	23	264.5
Weber St.	11	728	3011	4.1	20	273.7
Appalachian St.	11	709	3044	4.3	19	276.7
Western Caro.	11	675	3086	4.6	22	280.5
South Fla.	11	694	3101	4.5	23	281.9
Monmouth (N.J.)	10	589	2832	4.8	31	283.2
Bethune-Cookman	10	705	2866	4.1	31	286.6
Georgetown	11	763	3164	4.1	21	287.6
Troy St.	11	668	3179	4.8	22	289.5
Lehigh	11	741	3215	4.3	14	292.3
Western Ill.	11	762	3224	4.2	11	293.1
Princeton	10	671	2947	4.4	17	294.7
Hampton	11	704	3245	4.6	21	295.0
South Carolina St.	11	705	3253	4.6	27	295.7

\* Touchdowns scored rushing or passing only

### Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN
	GAINED			LOST			
Yale	15	18	33	11	5	16	1.70
Western Ill.	15	16	31	6	8	14	1.55
Richmond	18	13	31	7	7	14	1.55
Iona	18	17	35	9	12	21	1.40
N.C. A&T	17	20	37	14	8	22	1.36
Florida A&M	17	22	39	12	12	24	1.36
St. John's (N.Y.)	19	19	38	6	17	23	1.36
Lafayette	17	15	32	12	6	18	1.27
Cal St. Sacramento	16	11	27	5	9	14	1.18
Hofstra	12	16	28	4	12	16	1.09
Western Ky.	17	12	29	14	3	17	1.09
Davidson	10	22	32	14	8	22	1.00
Middle Tenn. St.	11	13	24	11	3	14	1.00
Eastern Ill.	18	9	27	10	7	17	0.91
Maine	10	17	27	5	13	18	0.82

### Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Florida A&M	11	551	325	12	59.0	4407	8.0	50	400.6
Brown	10	472	292	17	61.9	3316	7.0	26	331.6
Montana	11	469	294	17	62.7	3428	7.3	29	311.6
Portland St.	11	411	235	11	57.2	3359	8.2	30	305.4
Tennessee St.	11	398	212	13	53.3	3336	8.4	27	303.3
Howard	11	394	222	8	56.3	3273	8.3	31	297.5
Lehigh	11	378	251	14	66.4	3186	8.4	24	289.6
Massachusetts	11	405	230	15	56.8	3130	7.7	30	284.5
Murray St.	11	423	236	11	55.8	3117	7.4	24	283.4
Cal St. Northridge	11	385	262	12	68.1	3091	8.0	28	281.0
Villanova	11	458	264	12	57.6	3084	6.7	31	280.4
Delaware	11	324	196	13	60.5	3060	9.4	23	278.2
William & Mary	11	375	250	7	66.7	3054	8.1	27	277.6
Connecticut	11	350	197	11	56.3	2984	8.5	26	271.3
Northern Iowa	11	393	236	10	60.1	2981	7.6	20	271.0
Illinois St.	11	388	242	9	62.4	2948	7.6	26	268.0
Montana St.	11	332	197	8	59.3	2816	8.5	22	256.0
Hofstra	11	374	230	12	61.5	2802	7.5	18	254.7
Georgetown	11	373	194	10	52.0	2750	7.4	27	250.0
Jackson St.	11	298	152	10	51.0	2698	9.1	31	245.3



# '98 College

## Division I-A

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

### Atlantic Coast

Florida State	7	1	.875	11	1	.917
Georgia Tech	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Virginia	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
North Carolina St.	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
North Carolina	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Duke	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Wake Forest	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Clemson	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
Maryland	1	7	.125	3	8	.273

### Big East

Syracuse	6	1	.857	8	3	.727
Miami (Fla.)	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Virginia Tech	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
West Virginia	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Boston College	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Rutgers	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
Temple	2	5	.286	2	9	.182
Pittsburgh	0	7	.000	2	9	.182

### Big Ten

Ohio State	7	1	.875	10	1	.909
Wisconsin	7	1	.875	10	1	.909
Michigan	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
Purdue	6	2	.750	8	4	.667
Penn State	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Michigan State	4	4	.500	6	6	.500
Minnesota	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
Indiana	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Illinois	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Iowa	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Northwestern	0	8	.000	3	9	.250

### Big 12

<b>NORTH DIVISION</b>						
Kansas State	8	1	.889	11	1	.917
Nebraska	5	3	.625	9	3	.750
Missouri	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Colorado	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Kansas	1	7	.125	4	7	.364
Iowa State	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
<b>SOUTH DIVISION</b>						
Texas A&M	8	1	.889	11	2	.846
Texas	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Texas Tech	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Oklahoma	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Oklahoma State	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Baylor	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

### Big West

Idaho	4	1	.800	8	3	.727
Nevada	3	2	.600	6	5	.545
North Texas	3	2	.600	3	8	.273
Boise State	2	3	.400	6	5	.545
Utah State	2	3	.400	3	8	.273
New Mexico State	1	4	.200	3	8	.273

### Conference USA

Tulane	6	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Southern Miss.	5	1	.833	7	4	.636
Louisville	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
East Carolina	3	3	.500	6	5	.545
Army	2	4	.333	3	8	.273
Houston	2	4	.333	3	8	.273
Cincinnati	1	5	.167	2	9	.182
Memphis	1	5	.167	2	9	.182

### Mid-American

<b>EAST DIVISION</b>						
Marshall	8	1	.889	11	1	.917
Miami (Ohio)	7	1	.875	10	1	.909
Bowling Green	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
Ohio	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
Akron	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Kent	0	8	.000	0	11	.000
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>						
Toledo	6	3	.667	7	5	.583
Western Michigan	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Central Michigan	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Eastern Michigan	3	6	.333	3	8	.273
Northern Illinois	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
Ball State	1	7	.125	1	10	.091

### Pac-10

UCLA	8	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Arizona	7	1	.875	11	1	.917
Oregon	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
USC	5	3	.625	8	4	.667
Washington	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Arizona State	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
California	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Oregon State	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
Stanford	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Washington State	0	8	.000	3	8	.273

### Southeastern

<b>EASTERN DIVISION</b>						
Tennessee	9	0	1.000	12	0	1.000
Florida	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Georgia	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Kentucky	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Vanderbilt	1	7	.125	2	9	.182
South Carolina	0	8	.000	1	10	.091
<b>WESTERN DIVISION</b>						
Arkansas	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
Mississippi State	6	3	.667	8	4	.667
Alabama	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Mississippi	3	5	.375	6	5	.545
LSU	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Auburn	1	7	.125	3	8	.273

### Western Athletic

<b>MOUNTAIN DIVISION</b>						
Air Force	8	1	.889	11	1	.917
Wyoming	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Colorado State	5	3	.625	8	4	.667
Rice	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
TCU	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
SMU	4	4	.500	5	7	.417
Tulsa	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Nevada-Las Vegas	0	8	.000	0	11	.000
<b>PACIFIC DIVISION</b>						
San Diego State	7	1	.875	7	4	.636
BYU	7	2	.778	9	4	.692
Utah	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Fresno State	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
San Jose State	3	5	.375	4	8	.333
UTEP	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
New Mexico	1	7	.125	3	9	.250
Hawaii	0	8	.000	0	12	.000

### Independents

Central Florida	9	2	.818
Notre Dame	9	2	.818
Louisiana Tech	6	6	.500
North Louisiana	5	6	.455
Alabama-Birmingham	4	7	.364
Arkansas State	4	8	.333
Navy	3	8	.273
Southwestern Louisiana	2	9	.182

## Division I-AA

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

### Atlantic 10

<b>MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION</b>						
Richmond	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
Delaware	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
William & Mary	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Villanova	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Northeastern	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
James Madison	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
<b>NEW ENGLAND DIVISION</b>						
Connecticut	6	2	.750	10	3	.769
Massachusetts	6	2	.750	10	3	.769
Maine	3	5	.375	6	5	.545
New Hampshire	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Rhode Island	2	6	.250	3	8	.273

### Big Sky

Montana	6	2	.750	8	4	.667
Cal St. Northridge	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Montana State	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Weber State	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Eastern Washington	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Portland State	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Northern Arizona	3	5	.375	6	5	.545
Cal St. Sacramento	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Idaho State	2	6	.250	3	8	.273

### Gateway

Western Illinois	5	1	.833	11	2	.846
Illinois State	4	2	.667	8	4	.667
Northern Iowa	3	3	.500	7	4	.636
Youngstown State	3	3	.500	6	5	.545
S.W. Missouri St.	3	3	.500	5	6	.455
Indiana State	2	4	.333	5	6	.455
Southern Illinois	1	5	.167	3	8	.273

### Ivy League

Pennsylvania	6	1	.857	8	2	.800
Brown	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Yale	5	2	.714	6	4	.600
Princeton	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Columbia	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Harvard	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Cornell	1	6	.143	4	6	.400
Dartmouth	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

### Metro Atlantic Athletic

Fairfield	6	1	.857	9	2	.818
Georgetown	6	1	.857	9	2	.818
Duquesne	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Marist	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
St. John's (NY)	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Canisius	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Siena	1	6	.143	4	6	.400
Iona	0	0	.000	4	6	.400
St. Peter's	0	7	.000	0	10	.000

### Mid-Eastern Athletic

Florida A&M	7	1	.875	11	2	.846
Hampton	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
Bethune-Cookman	6	2	.750	8	2	.800
North Carolina A&T	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Howard	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
South Carolina St.	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Norfolk State	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
Morgan State	1	7	.125	1	10	.091
Delaware State	0	8	.000	0	11	.000

### Northeast

Monmouth (NJ)	4	1	.800	5	5	.500
Robert Morris	4	1	.800	4	5	.444
Wagner	3	2	.600	7	3	.700
Central Conn. St.	3	2	.600	4	6	.400
Sacred Heart	1	4	.200	2	8	.200
St. Francis (PA)	0	5	.000	0	10	.000

### Ohio Valley

Tennessee State	6	1	.857	9	3	.750
Murray State	5	2	.714	7	4	.636
Middle Tenn. St.	5	2	.714	5	5	.500
Eastern Illinois	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Eastern Kentucky	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Tennessee Tech	2	5	.286	4	7	.364
S.E. Missouri St.	2	5	.286	3	8	.273
Tennessee-Martin	0	7	.000	0	11	.000

### Patriot League

Lehigh	6	0	1.000	12	1	.923
Colgate	5	1	.833	8	4	.667
Bucknell	3	3	.500	6	5	.545
Lafayette	3	3	.500	3	8	.273
Fordham	2	4	.333	4	7	.364
Towson State	1	5	.167	5	6	.455

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## Lone Star

### NORTH DIVISION

Central Oklahoma	9	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Harding	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
S.E. Oklahoma St.	4	4	.500	5	5	.500
Ouachita Baptist	3	5	.375	3	7	.300
E. Central Oklahoma	1	7	.125	2	8	.200
N.E. Oklahoma St.	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
S.W. Oklahoma St.	0	10	.000	0	10	.000

### SOUTH DIVISION

TX A&M-Kingsville	8	1	.889	9	2	.818
West Texas A&M	7	2	.778	8	3	.727
Eastern New Mexico	6	3	.667	8	3	.727
Angelo State	6	3	.667	6	4	.600
Abilene Christian	4	6	.400	4	6	.400
Tarleton State	3	6	.333	3	8	.273
TX A&M-Commerce	3	6	.333	3	8	.273
Midwestern State	1	8	.111	2	9	.182

## Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association

N.W. Missouri St.	9	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Emporia State	7	2	.778	9	2	.818
Central Missouri St.	6	3	.667	8	3	.727
Pittsburg State	6	3	.667	7	3	.700
Truman State	6	3	.667	5	5	.545
Missouri Western	3	6	.333	5	6	.455
Washburn	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Missouri Southern	3	6	.333	3	7	.300
Southwest Baptist	2	7	.222	3	8	.273
Missouri-Rolla	0	9	.000	0	11	.000

## Midwest Intercollegiate Football

Grand Valley State	9	1	.900	9	2	.818
Saginaw Valley	8	2	.800	9	2	.818
Indianapolis	8	2	.800	8	2	.800
Ashland	7	3	.700	7	3	.700
Northwood	7	3	.700	7	3	.700
Northern Michigan	5	5	.500	6	5	.545
Findlay	5	5	.500	5	5	.500
Mercyhurst	5	5	.500	5	5	.500
Ferris State	5	5	.500	5	6	.455
Michigan Tech	4	6	.400	4	6	.400
Hillsdale	3	7	.300	3	8	.273
Westminster (PA)	2	8	.200	3	8	.273
Wayne State (MI)	2	8	.200	2	9	.182
St. Francis (IL)	0	10	.000	0	11	.000

## North Central Intercollegiate Athletic

Northern Colorado	8	1	.889	10	1	.909
Nebraska-Omaha	8	1	.889	9	2	.818
North Dakota	7	2	.778	8	2	.800
North Dakota St.	6	3	.667	7	4	.636
South Dakota St.	4	5	.444	6	5	.545
Minnesota State	4	5	.444	5	6	.455
St. Cloud State	3	6	.333	3	8	.273
Augustana (SD)	2	7	.222	4	7	.364
South Dakota St.	1	8	.111	3	8	.273
Morningside	1	8	.111	2	9	.182

## Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic

Winona State	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Northern State	6	1	.857	8	3	.727
Bemidji State	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Minnesota-Duluth	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Southwest State	2	4	.333	2	7	.222
Minnesota-Morris	1	5	.167	2	8	.200
Moorhead State	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

## Pennsylvania State Athletic

### EASTERN DIVISION

Millersville (PA)	7	1	.875	8	2	.800
West Chester	7	1	.875	8	3	.727
Bloomsburg	5	4	.556	5	6	.455
Kutztown	4	5	.444	5	5	.500
East Stroudsburg	2	6	.250	2	8	.200
Cheyney	1	7	.125	1	10	.091
Wensfield	0	8	.000	0	11	.000

### WESTERN DIVISION

Slippery Rock	8	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Indiana (PA)	7	1	.875	10	1	.909
Shippensburg	5	4	.556	7	4	.636
Lock Haven	4	5	.444	4	7	.364
California (PA)	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Edinboro	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Clarion	2	6	.250	3	8	.273

## Rocky Mountain Athletic

Chadron State	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Western State	7	1	.875	7	3	.583
N. Mex. Highlands	6	2	.750	8	3	.583
Nebraska-Kearney	5	3	.625	5	5	.500
Fort Hays State	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Adams State	3	5	.375	4	6	.322
Mesa State	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
Colorado Mines	2	6	.250	3	7	.300
Fort Lewis	0	8	.000	0	10	.000

## South Atlantic

Carson-Newman	7	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Presbyterian	6	1	.857	8	3	.727
Catawba College	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Gardner-Webb	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Newberry	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Wingate	3	4	.429	5	6	.455
Lenoir-Rhyne	1	6	.143	2	9	.182
Mars Hill	0	7	.000	1	10	.091

## Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Tuskegee	7	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Fort Valley State	6	1	.857	11	1	.917
Albany State (GA)	5	1	.833	9	2	.818
Kentucky State	4	2	.667	5	6	.455
Savannah State	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Lane College	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Clark Atlanta	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Miles College	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Morris Brown	1	6	.143	3	8	.273
Morehouse	0	7	.000	0	11	.000

## West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic

Shepherd College	7	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Fairmont State	5	2	.714	5	5	.500
Glenville State	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
W. Virg. Wesleyan	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
W. Virginia State	4	5	.444	4	8	.333
West Liberty State	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Concord College	2	4	.333	5	5	.500
W. Virginia Tech	0	9	.000	0	12	.000

## Independents

UC Davis	.....	10	1	.909
Central Washington	.....	6	3	.667
St. Josephs (IN)	.....	7	4	.636
New Haven	.....	5	5	.500
West Washington	.....	5	5	.500
Tusculum	.....	5	6	.455
Quincy	.....	4	6	.400
Humboldt State	.....	4	7	.364
Gannon	.....	3	7	.300
Kentucky Wesleyan	.....	2	6	.250
Panhandle State	.....	2	7	.222
Western New Mexico	.....	2	7	.222
Wayne State (NE)	.....	1	10	.091

## Division III

CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	

### American Southwest

Hardin-Simmons	7	0	1.000	9	1	.900
McMurry	6	1	.857	8	2	.800
Howard Payne	5	2	.714	8	2	.800
Austin College	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Mississippi College	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Texas Lutheran	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Mary Hardin-Bay	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Sul Ross State	0	7	.000	1	9	.100

## Atlantic Central

Wesley College	2	0	1.000	6	2	.750
Ferrum College	2	1	.667	6	2	.750
Methodist College	2	1	.667	6	3	.667
Frostburg State	1	1	.500	6	3	.667
Chowan College	2	3	.400	4	5	.444
Salisbury State	1	4	.200	3	6	.333

## Centennial Football

Western Maryland	7	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Dickinson	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Johns Hopkins	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Franklin & Marshall	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Muhlenberg	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Gettysburg	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Ursinus College	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Swarthmore	0	7	.000	0	8	.000

## College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

Millikin	5	1	.833	7	1	.875
Wheaton College	5	1	.833	6	2	.750
Augustana (IL)	4	2	.667	6	2	.750
Ill Wesleyan	4	2	.667	6	2	.750
Carthage	3	3	.500	4	4	.500
Elmhurst	1	5	.167	3	5	.375
North Central	1	5	.167	3	5	.375
North Park	1	5	.167	2	6	.250

## Freedom Football

Springfield	6	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Plymouth State	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
Merchant Marine	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
W. Conn State	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
WPI	3	3	.500	4	5	.444
Norwich	1	5	.167	4	6	.400
Coast Guard	0	6	.000	1	8	.111

## Heartland Football

Wabash	7	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Hanover	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Franklin College	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Bluffton	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Wilmingon (OH)	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Manchester	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Mt. St. Joseph	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Anderson	0	7	.000	0	10	.000

## Illini Badger

Aurora	5	0	1.000	7	2	.778
Concordia (WI)	4	1	.800	7	3	.700
Lakeland	3	2	.600	6	3	.667
Benedictine	2	3	.400	3	8	.273
Eureka	1	4	.200	4	6	.400
Concordia (IL)	0	5	.000	1	8	.111

## Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Central College	10	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Wartburg	9	1	.900	9	1	.900
Buena Vista	7	3	.700	7	3	.700
Simpson	7	3	.700	7	3	.700
Coe College	5	5	.500	5	5	.500
Upper Iowa	5	5	.500	5	5	.500
Cornell College	4	6	.400	4	6	.400
Loras College	3	7	.300	3	7	.300
Luther College	3	7	.300	3	7	.300
Dubuque	1	9	.100	1	9	.100
William Penn	1	9	.100	1	9	.100

## Michigan Intercollegiate

Albion	6	0	1.000	8	1	.889
Hope	4	2	.667	5	4	.556
Adrian	3	3	.500	5	4	.556
Alma	3	3	.500	5	4	.556
Olivet	2	4	.333	5	4	.556
Kalamazoo	2	4	.333	4	5	.444
Defiance	1	5	.167	3	6	.333

## Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic

COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE						
Widener	8	2	.800	8	2	.800
Lebanon Valley	1	7	.125	1	9	.100
FREEDOM LEAGUE						
Lycorning	9	0	1.000	9	0	1.000
Wilkes	5	3	.625	6	4	.600
Kings (PA)	2	6	.250	3	7	.300
FDU-Madison	2	6	.250	2	8	.200
Delaware Valley	1	7	.125	3	7	.300

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## Division III *continued*

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

### Old Dominion Athletic

Emory & Henry	5	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Randolph-Macon	4	1	.800	7	3	.700
Guilford	3	2	.600	4	6	.400
Hampden-Sydney	2	3	.400	3	7	.300
Washington & Lee	1	4	.200	4	6	.400
Bridgewater	0	5	.000	0	10	.000

### Presidents' Athletic

Wash & Jefferson	3	1	.750	5	4	.556
Waynesburg	3	1	.750	5	4	.556
Grove City College	3	1	.750	5	5	.500
Bethany (WV)	1	3	.250	2	8	.200
Thiel College	0	4	.000	1	9	.100

### St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic

MacMurray	4	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Westminster (MO)	3	1	.750	9	1	.900
Blackburn	2	2	.500	5	4	.556
Greenville	1	3	.250	2	8	.200
Principia	0	4	.000	0	8	.000

### Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic

Whittier	5	0	1.000	7	2	.778
Redlands	4	1	.800	7	2	.778
Cal Lutheran	2	3	.400	5	4	.556
La Verne	2	3	.400	4	5	.444
Claremont-MS	1	4	.200	2	7	.222
Occidental	1	4	.200	1	8	.111

### Southern Collegiate Athletic

Trinity (TX)	6	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Depauw	5	1	.833	7	3	.700
Rhodes College	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Centre College	3	3	.500	3	7	.300
Rose-Hulman	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Sewanee	1	5	.167	2	7	.222
Millsaps	0	6	.000	3	7	.300

### University Athletic Association

Chicago	3	0	1.000	7	2	.778
Carnegie Mellon	2	1	.667	6	3	.667
Washington (MO)	1	2	.333	6	4	.600
Rochester	0	3	.000	1	8	.111

### Upstate Collegiate Athletic

Rensselaer	2	1	.667	7	2	.778
Hobart	2	1	.667	6	3	.667
Union (NY)	2	1	.667	6	3	.667
St. Lawrence	0	3	.000	1	8	.111

### Wisconsin State University

Wis.-Stevens Point	5	2	.714	6	2	.750
Wis.-River Falls	5	2	.714	6	3	.667
Wis.-Eau Claire	4	2	.667	7	2	.778
Wis.-Whitewater	4	2	.667	6	2	.750
Wis.-La Crosse	4	2	.667	4	4	.500
Wis.-Stout	2	4	.333	4	5	.444
Wis.-Oshkosh	1	5	.167	4	5	.444
Wis.-Platteville	0	6	.000	1	8	.111

### Independents

Catholic	9	0	1.000
Hartwick	8	1	.889
Ithaca	8	1	.889
Pomona Pitzer	6	1	.857
Buffalo State	6	2	.750
Maranatha	6	3	.667
Alfred	5	4	.556
Nebraska Wesleyan	5	4	.556
Martin Luther	3	3	.500
Cortland State	4	5	.444
Maryville (TN)	4	5	.444
Colorado College	3	6	.333
Thomas More	3	6	.333
Brockport State	2	6	.250
Chapman	2	6	.250
Greensboro College	2	7	.222
Menlo College	2	7	.222
St. John Fisher	2	7	.222

## Bowl Games

Alamo	Purdue 37, Kansas State 34
Aloha	Colorado 51, Oregon 43
Citrus	Michigan 45, Arkansas 31
Cotton	Texas 38, Miss State 11
Fiesta	Tennessee 23, Florida State 16
Gator	Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28
Heritage Bowl	Southern 28, Bethune-Cookman 2
Holiday	Arizona 23, Nebraska 20
Humanitarian	Idaho 42, Southern Miss. 35
Independence	Ole Miss 35, Texas Tech 18
Insight.com	Missouri 34, West Virginia 31
Las Vegas	N. Carolina 20, San Diego St. 13
Liberty	Tulane 41, BYU 27
Micron PC	Miami (Fla.) 46, N.C. State 23
Motor City	Marshall 48, Louisville 29
Music City Bowl	Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7
Oahu	Air Force 45, Washington 25
Orange	Florida 31, Syracuse 10
Outback	Penn State 26, Kentucky 14
Peach	Georgia 35, Virginia 33
Rose	Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31
Sugar	Ohio State 24, Texas A&M 14
Sun	TCU 28, Southern Cal 19

## Division I-AA Playoffs

### FIRST ROUND

Connecticut 42	Hampton 34
Georgia Southern 49	Colgate 28
Appalachian State 45	Tennessee State 31
Lehigh 24	Richmond 23
Western Illinois 52	Montana 9
Florida A&M 27	Troy State 17
Northwestern State 48	Illinois State 28
Massachusetts 21	McNeese State 19

### QUARTERFINALS

Ga. Southern 52	Connecticut 30
Western Illinois 24	Florida A&M 21
Massachusetts 27	Lehigh 21
Northwestern State 31	Appalachian St 20

### SEMIFINALS

Ga. Southern 42	Western Illinois 14
Massachusetts 41	Northwestern St 31

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Massachusetts 55	Ga. Southern 43
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## Division II Playoffs

### FIRST ROUND

Slippery Rock 37	Grand Valley State 14
Carson-Newman 30	West Georgia 20
Fort Valley State 21	Delta State 14
Shepherd 9	Indiana, Pa. 6
Northwest Missouri St. 28	Nebraska-Omaha 14
Northern Colorado 52	North Dakota 24
Central Oklahoma 21	Chadron State 19
Texas A&M-Kingsville 54	UC Davis 21

### QUARTERFINALS

Slippery Rock 31	Shepherd 20
Carson-Newman 38	Fort Valley State 31, OT
Northwest Missouri St. 42	Northern Colorado 17
Texas A&M-Kingsville 24	Central Oklahoma 21, OT

### SEMIFINALS

Carson-Newman 47	Slippery Rock 21
Northwest Missouri St. 49	Texas A&M-Kingsville 34

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Northwest Missouri St. 24	Carson-Newman 6
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## Division III Playoffs

### FIRST ROUND

Mount Union, Ohio 21	Albion, Mich. 19
Wittenberg, Ohio 13	Millikin, Ill. 10
Lycoming, Pa. 49	Catholic, D.C. 14
Buffalo State, N.Y. 38	Springfield, Mass. 35
Rowan, N.J. 26	College Of New Jersey 2
Trinity, Texas 30	Western Maryland 20
Wisconsin-Eau Claire 28	Central, Iowa 21
St. John's, Minn. 33	Pacific Lutheran, Wash. 20

### QUARTERFINALS

Mount Union 21	Wittenberg, Ohio 19
Trinity 37	Lycoming 21
Rowan 19	Buffalo State 17
Wisconsin-Eau Claire 10	St. John's, Minn. 7

### SEMIFINALS

Mount Union 34	Trinity 29
Rowan 22	Wisconsin-Eau Claire 19

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Mount Union 44	Rowan 24
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## NAIA Playoffs

### FIRST ROUND

Olivet Nazarene, Ill. 32	Hastings, Neb. 26
Georgetown, Ky. 46	Malone 41
Tri-State 33	Benedictine, Kan. 28
Sioux Falls, S.D. 29	Mary, N.D. 25
Southwestern, Kan. 12	Lindwood, Mo. 10
Huron, S.D. 61	Jamestown, N.D. 19
Central Washington 41	Rocky Mountain, Mont. 38
Azusa Pacific 31	Taylor, Ind. 28

### QUARTERFINALS

Tri-State, Ind. 37	Georgetown, Ky. 23
Olivet Nazarene, Ill. 37	Sioux Falls, S.D. 34
Huron, S.D. 52	Southwestern, Kan. 6
Azusa Pacific 35	Central Washington 28

### SEMIFINALS

Olivet Nazarene, Ill. 33	Tri-State, Ind. 28
Azusa Pacific 26	Huron, S.D. 24

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Azusa Pacific 17	Olivet Nazarene, Ill. 14
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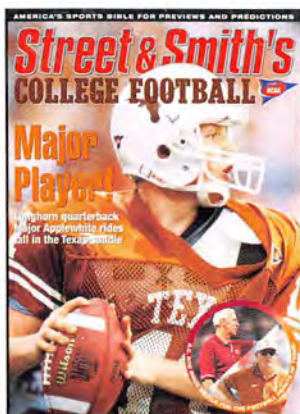
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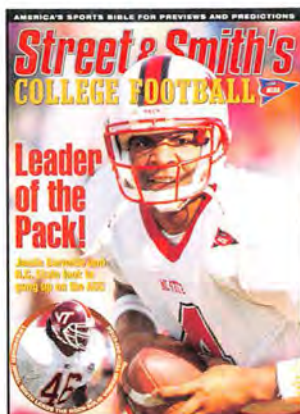
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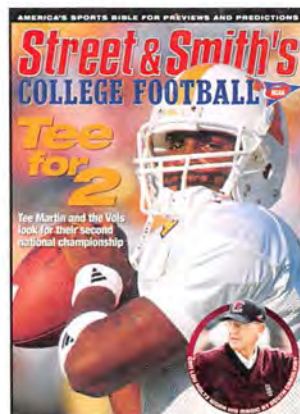
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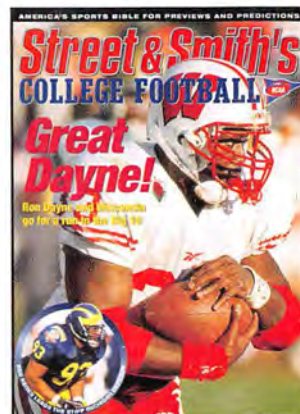
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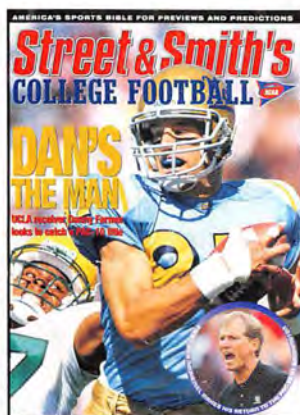
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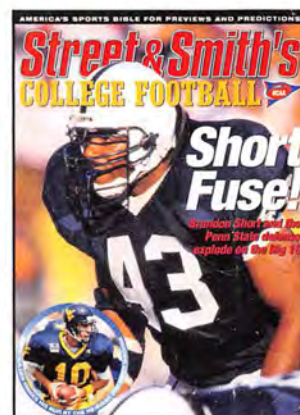
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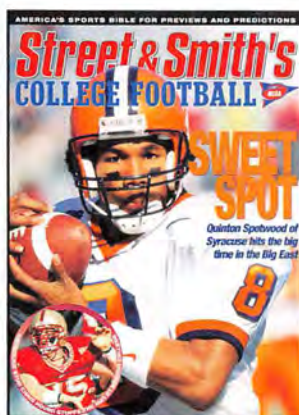
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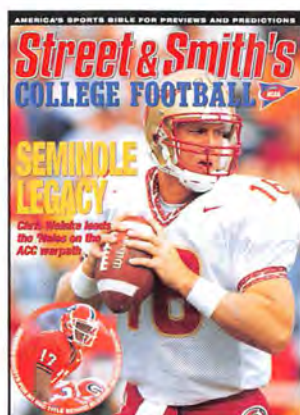
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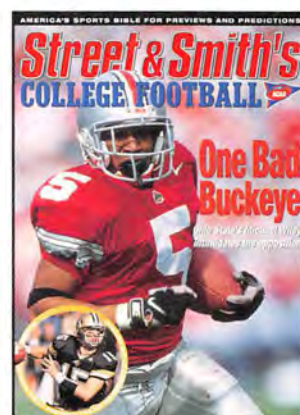
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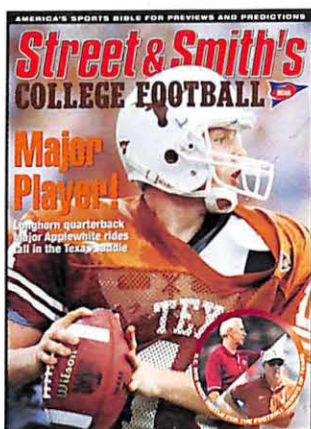
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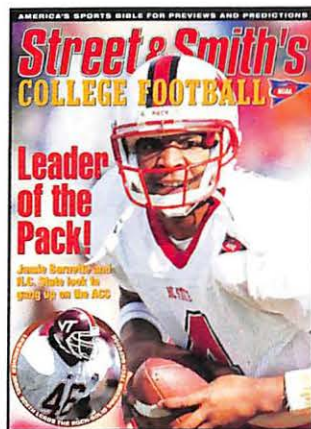
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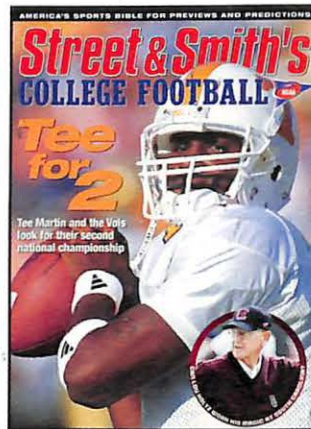
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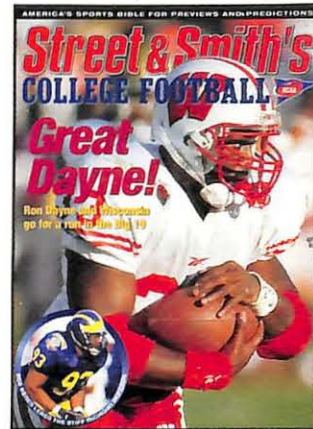
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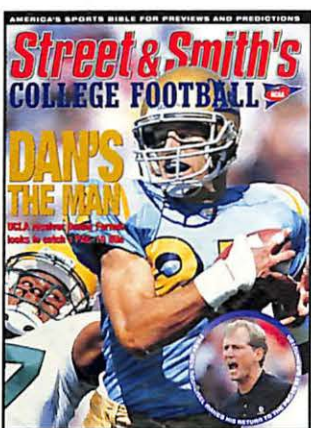
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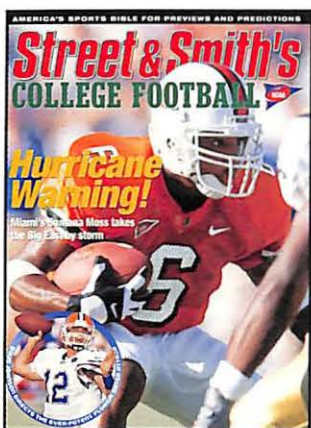
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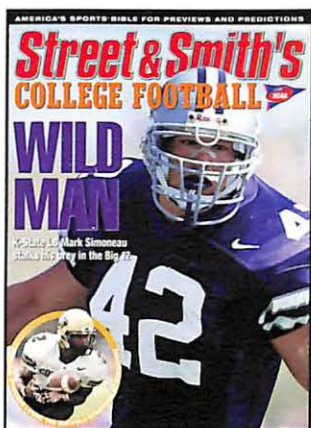
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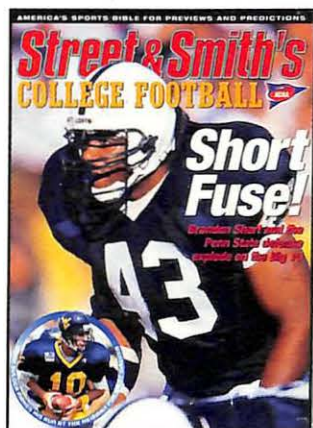
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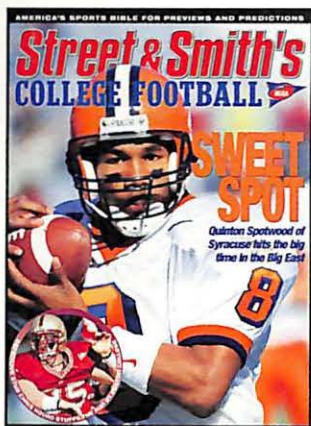
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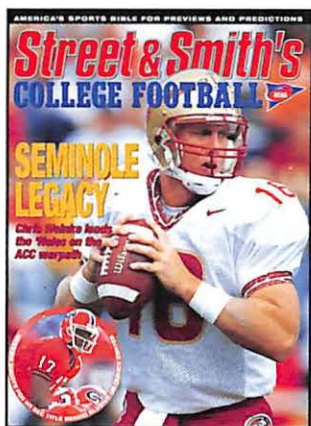
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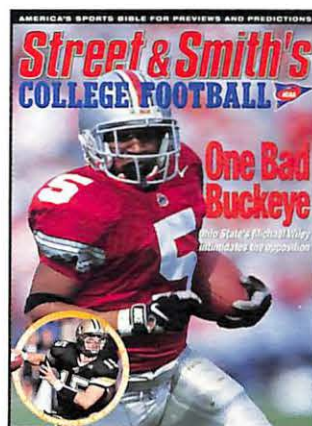
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